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Today: Mostly sunny
High: 80°F
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Dudley's Beauty Center & Spa attracts local students

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A&T falls in Aggie-Eagle Classic

BY MICHAEL V. STANLEY
Sports Editor

It was almost like déjà vu during the closing seconds of the 12th annual Aggie-Eagle Classic as the outcome of the game came down to a single point on Sept. 5 at Carter-Finley Stadium in Raleigh.

North Carolina Central University (20) came out on top

winning 23-22 over North Carolina A&T State University (0-1). The Eagles escaped after a missed 43-yard field goal attempt by freshman kicker Joseph Arroyo.

"We placed a freshman in a very delicate situation," head coach George Small said.

The Eagles lost last season on Carolos Davalos' outstanding 50-

yard field goal as time expired for a 16-15 Aggie victory in 2004.

Dramatically, the tables turned the Eagles' way this year, taking control of the game early in the first quarter scoring on a 1-yard reverse by former Aggie and senior wide receiver Brad Hinton to put them on the board 6-0 in seven plays for 31 yards with 7:49 remaining on

the clock.

NCCU held on to the lead heading into the second quarter. After several possessions exchanged, the Eagles' scored on a successful 32-yard field goal by sophomore kicker Brandon Gilbert for a 9-0 lead.

Senior quarterback Marshall Glenn connected on a 24-yard pass to freshman wide receiver Chad

Dawson for a first down on the Eagles' 46-yard line. Sophomore Curtis Walls caught a 14-yard pass from Glenn for another first down at the 32. The rest of the drive was carried on the back of junior running back Brandon Sweeney rushing for a total of 32 yards in four attempts ending on an 11-yard run for the touchdown in his debut as

an Aggie to pinch the lead to 9-7.

The Aggies took some significant time off the clock with their last drive of the half consisting of 11 plays for 41-yards in 4:11 ending in a 32-yard field goal by Arroyo. The field goal gave them their first lead of the game at 10-9 with 43 seconds on the clock.

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Aggies aim to help hurricane victims

BY KASSIDY JOHNSON
News Editor

The Category 4 Hurricane Katrina ripped through the Gulf Coast cities, leaving thousands dead and tens of thousands without a home.

Even closer to home, more than 30 A&T students and 148 alumni and their families were affected by the natural disaster.

North Carolina A&T University has established a Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund, aptly named, Aggies Care. Led by Dr. Janice Brewington and Akua Matherson, Aggies Care will focus on students, disaster victims, staff and alumni.

Counseling services and financial assistance is available to the students affected by the disaster.

"[Our Aggie] family was affected by this major disaster so we will do all we can to help them and others in need through Aggies Care, our N.C. A&T Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund," Chancellor Renick said.

Student leaders including Student Government Association president Justin Ramey, Miss A&T Anisah Rasheed, and Council of Presidents' president Matthew Melvin as well as a diverse group of A&T students, faculty and staff are also involved.

Melvin said that there needs to be events to evoke student participation.

"We will bring all A&T organizations together to assist in getting

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Greek assistance



PHOTO BY ERICA FRANKLIN

Members of the Bloody Mu Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. load boxes of goods into a car at 12:29 a.m. on Sept. 3. The three men collected hygiene products, can foods, nonperishable goods and clothing from the Aggie Suites (Building E) to help those who were affected by Hurricane Katrina. The boxes were taken to a drop-off location on Wendover Avenue shortly after. From left: Brooks Shands, Zeb High and Charles Barnes.

Parking a problem for commuters

BY WILLIAM FAIR
Contributor

As of the spring 2005 semester, there were nearly 8,385 students commuting daily to the campus.

For many students who commute daily to A&T's campus, the issue of parking availability has become more of a problem and it has left many students questioning what can be done to alleviate the problem.

Abigale Kekua, a senior computer science major, commutes daily to A&T from her home in Greensboro.

"It's definitely a problem for some students," Kekua said. "I usually leave home well before class starts just to make sure I can find somewhere to park."

She said that students may not be at A&T long enough to see what could be done to fix the problem, but stressed the fact that it will only get worse for underclassmen who rely on campus parking. Kekua said that mandatory commuter parking passes are useless to many students.

"Most of us are paying for a service which we are unable to use," she said. "Students like me pay for a parking sticker, but often just can't find anywhere to park."

Yolanda Lesane, junior journalism and mass communications major, also commutes to campus.

"I think commuter parking is horrible," she said. "Parking spaces are too limited in number."

When asked about what she considers to a possible solution to the problem of campus parking, Lesane

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Hurricane victims abandon New Orleans

BY JACK DOUGLAS JR.,
SCOTT DODD AND
MARTIN MERZER
KRT

NEW ORLEANS—Carrying their children, a few meager possessions and very little hope, some of Hurricane Katrina's most desperate victims abandoned a dying city Thursday as federal officials struggled to cope with the most sweeping natural disaster in American history.

For thousands upon thousands of people, time was running out. A Knight Ridder reporter saw three bodies in and around the Superdome. Criticism of the federal relief effort rose to a fever pitch — and not just in New Orleans.

"There's no FEMA, no Red Cross, no help," said James Gibson, 45, of tiny Lakeshore, Miss.

Some who survived Katrina's

assault four days earlier died of neglect in the ruins of their homes, on city streets and in New Orleans' Superdome and convention center.

Food and potable water simply disappeared. Anarchy flared, with multiple reports of helicopter crews and other rescuers coming under fire from people seeking to hijack supplies or transportation.

The scope of the calamity came into sharp focus with this one statistic released by the White House: Federal disaster declarations blanketed 90,000 square miles of the United States — an area almost as large as the United Kingdom.

Military and police reinforcements poured into the ravaged region, attempting to restore order, but utter chaos engulfed the Superdome, the convention center and the flooded streets of New Orleans that surrounded them.

A seething mass of people —

channeled by National Guard troops carrying automatic rifles, comforted by an Army chaplain holding a Bible — surged from the Superdome toward the few buses that arrived to carry them from a refuge transformed into a cinematic house of horrors: bodies and fires and piles of human excrement.

About 5,000 refugees made it by bus to Houston's Astrodome, but only 2,000 cots awaited them. Once again, thousands of people were subjected to discomfort and indignity.

In New Orleans, conditions in another mass shelter, the city's Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, also aroused grave concern.

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin issued what he called "a desperate SOS" for help at a place where thousands were said to be ill, hungry and thirsty, with some on the

brink of death.

"Right now, we are out of resources at the convention center and don't anticipate enough buses," he said in a statement read on CNN. "Currently, the convention center is unsanitary and unsafe, and we are running out of supplies for 15,000 to 25,000 people."

Lizzy Kelley, 48, and her family said the convention center overflowed with panicked people, human waste and dangerous tempers. Kelley said she was threatened at gunpoint, slept on a concrete floor and waded down a flooded stairwell, where she encountered the floating carcasses of animals.

"It was just a nightmare, nothing but a nightmare," Kelley said. During the night, an incoming tide of newcomers pushed aside her family. "If you don't make room, you're going to die," they

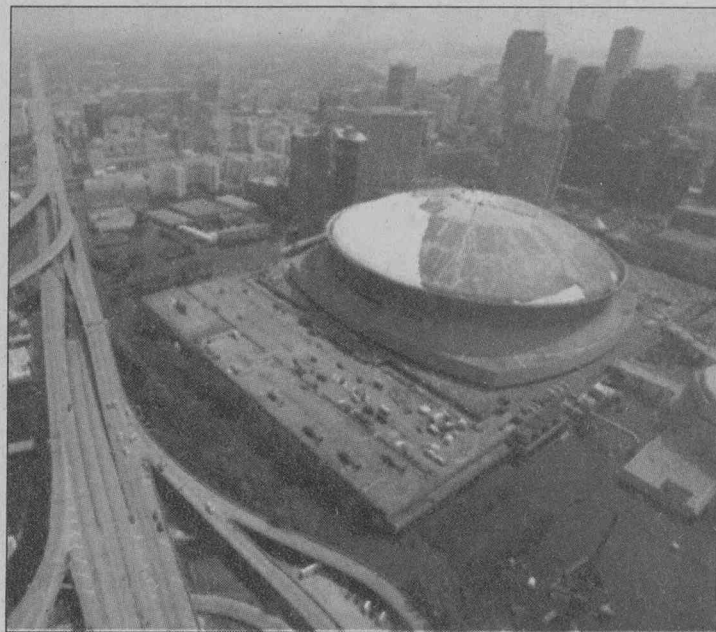


PHOTO BY NURI VALLBONA

The view on Sept. 3 over the Superdome in New Orleans still shows the massive flooding and roof damage the dome received during Hurricane Katrina.

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Weekly Update

Sept. 7

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. & 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Mr. Alpha Phi
applications available in
Memorial Student Union & Williams Cafeteria

6 p.m.
Fall elections
Memorial Student Union

7 p.m.
NABJ Interest Meeting
Crosby Hall

7:06 p.m.
Freshman Survival
Barnes Auditorium
hosted by Beta Epsilon - Alpha Phi Alpha

7:13 p.m.
Mr. 1913 Pageant
Noble Hall Auditorium

Sept. 8

10 a.m.
Chancellor & Company
WNNA 90.1 FM

4 p.m.
Beta Alpha Psi Interest Meeting
213B Craig Hall

6 p.m.
NC A&T SU Gospel Choir Auditions
Memorial Student Union

7:06 p.m.
Freshman Survival
McNair Auditorium
hosted by Beta Epsilon - Alpha Phi Alpha

9 p.m.
Collective Soul Open Mic
Montego Bay
featuring Rico Barrino

9 p.m. to 10 p.m.
The College Hour
Alexander Devereux's
Thirsty Thursday's: The Big Relief Party
Alexander Devereux's
everyone free before 11:00 w/ canned food

7 p.m.
Omega Idol try-outs
Marteena Hall, room 218

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
E. Gwynn Dance Co. auditions

Sept. 9

4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Strip Takeover
The corner of Laurel and Bluford Streets
come out to support Hurricane Katrina victims

7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Band Brawl
Corbett Gym
10 p.m. to 4 a.m.
Band Brawl After Party
Greensboro Ballroom
hosted by Kappa Kappa Psi & Tau Beta Sigma

10:11 p.m.
Red Light District: Part 2
Cheap Seats
hosted by Alpha Nu - Kappa Alpha Psi

Sept. 10

8:30 p.m.
Omega Idol
The Carolina Theater
tickets are \$10 in advance & \$15 at the door

Sept. 13

10 p.m.
Hip-hop Night
Club Orion

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the [essential items] to the hurricane victims," he said.

Rasheed said she is working with the University Committee to come up with some different ideas to help aid the disaster victims.

"I want to give a student voice and a student opinion to the committee," Rasheed said.

It is believed that more than 30 colleges and universities in the Gulf Coast region were severely damaged by the hurricane, and up to 100,000 students have been displaced.

A&T is also opening its doors, like hundreds of other universities in the country, to any of Katrina's victims that would like to attend.

To kick off the implementation of the Aggies Care project, the university will collect bottled water at the Bryan Fitness and Wellness Center located next to the Aggie Stadium. The bottled water will be moved to Baton Rouge, La. via the Aggies Care-a-Van and delivered to Southern University for the hurricane victims.

The A&T ROTC will facilitate the collections of the bottled water and the ROTC units at Southern University will manage the distribution of the items to the disaster areas.

The Aggies Care Project will continue throughout the school year.

Three times a semester, the Aggie family will be asked to donate essential supplies in accordance to the timeline of the victims' needs.

Carolyn Meyers, A&T Provost, said that there are no quick fixes or overnight solutions for these victims.

"They need ongoing support and we are planning to offer our assistance on a long-term basis," Meyers said.

On the first Friday of each month, excluding January, both on- and off-campus Aggies are being asked to donate a dollar to the Aggies Care fund.

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said, "The university should do all that it can to speed up the building of a parking deck."

Lesane also mentioned the possibility of the university placing restrictions on the total number of incoming freshman and their ability to park on campus as another possible alternative.

As controversial as the issue may appear to be among some students, Lt. P.A. Feaster, Assistant Patrol Commander with the University Police Department, explained recently that a majority of these parking issues are simply attributed to the continued growth and expansion of the university.

"A&T is continually growing, and with this growth comes growing pains (referring to student parking)," Feaster said.

Feaster said that a majority of the problems many students have with campus parking comes from the university is becoming more pedestrian-friendly. Feaster roughly estimates that the total parking capacity for A&T, including reserved and handicapped spaces, is nearly 4,251, although she stated that this number is simply a rough estimate, and reflects figures from last spring.

When questioned about possible solutions to the parking issue, Feaster said that commuter students are strongly encouraged to utilize the campus shuttle system as a means of transportation between classes. Feaster said all students concerned with the issue of campus parking are more than welcome to voice their opinions to the officials at the University Police Department. She also stated that the University Police Department is constantly looking for input into what students believe the University can do to help ease the problems experienced with this issue.

The University Police Department is always open to suggestions from faculty and students regarding this issue," she said.

Corrections

* Young Jeezy is also scheduled to perform for the homecoming concert.

*Megan Brooks is the vice president of external affairs.

*Last week's edition was issue 2.

D.R.E.A.M.S. deferred

By RICHARD WADE
Contributor

Toni Henderson, community activist, does not want D.R.E.A.M.S., an acronym for Drug Rehabilitation: Education, Addiction and Mental Health Solutions, in her community.

D.R.E.A.M.S. is led by Brenda Smith-Williams. Smith-Williams is a former clinical service director for Alcohol and Drug Services (ADS).

Henderson said she did not agree with putting a rehabilitation center on the corner of Lee and Plott Streets.

"Why put a rehabilitation center in a 'hot zone'?" she said.

According to residents, the area has a lot of criminal activity.

Henderson, a 57-year-old retired nurse, moved near the corner in 2002 to tend to her ill mother.

While there, Henderson immediately realized the diminishing condition of the neighborhood.

After a police shooting left blood in the streets for days, she decided to take matters into her own hands. Henderson attempted to warn criminals by making flyers that read, "Crack selling will not be tolerated in this community. This activity will be reported to the police."

Upon having others in the neigh-

borhood support her, Henderson remained persistent in her efforts. Henderson said her home was later bombed and retaliatory vandalism plagued others in the community.

The Nation of Islam provided Henderson with bodyguards for over two months, and eventually the crimes subsided.

"I love my community and I feel that God himself selected me to do this," Henderson said.

She was informed of the opening plans for the building by a neighbor and was outraged.

Henderson said she felt that the city was allowing the drugs and crime she had risked her life to extinguish was being pushed back into the area.

Henderson said that the objective of her argument was to get the people who needed to be rehabilitated out of the criminal environment.

Some, along with Williams, felt the center was needed in the area.

As a result of differences, Williams and Henderson brought their issue to the city council on June 21. Henderson stood alone. Prior to the city council meeting, Williams and Henderson were scheduled to meet, but they did not.

The council ruled that the issue

would be reviewed and referred Henderson to Assistant City Manager Robert Morgan. Shortly after, Planning Director Richard Hails informed Henderson that D.R.E.A.M.S. organization improper zoning codes.

This was Henderson's opportunity to derail the operation.

"Then we knew we can fight it," she said.

Some of the people of Henderson's community were weary of their battle with drugs, and the fear of more threats and eventually violence worried them.

"People in my neighborhood have been through a lot," Henderson said.

She decided to collect a petition of over 300 votes to show her support her.

George Frederick caught wind of the issue and his group, the Southside Homeowners Association offered their support.

D.R.E.A.M.S. was denied approval on Aug. 8 by unanimous decision, although one board member was out sick and two had affiliations with D.R.E.A.M.S.

The D.R.E.A.M.S. organization appealed the decision, but later withdrew its appeal.

Smith-Williams was not available for comment.

A&T Campus Briefs

The Institute for Advanced Journalism Studies (IFAJIS) at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University announced the creation of a major journalism award during the 30th anniversary convention of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ).

The award was named in honor of veteran columnist and television commentator Vernon Jarrett, who died May 2004. Beginning April 2006, the award will be presented to broadcast and print journalists for outstanding coverage of people of African descent and the issues that impact their lives.

The award is intended to promote greater diversity in the coverage of domestic and foreign news by media organizations in the United States.

The first Vernon Jarrett Awards for Journalistic Excellence will be given in six categories (see www.ifajis.org). Other categories will be added in the future.

A key part of the formal awards ceremony, which will be held on A&T's campus will be the annual Vernon Jarrett address. The first inaugural address will be given by Newsday columnist and editor Les Payne.

The award was unveiled during a reception at the NABJ convention that was hosted by N.C. A&T Chancellor James C. Renick. Attendees included DeWayne Wickham; the Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr.; Les Payne; CBS senior vice president for diversity, Josie Thomas; NAACP communica-

tion's director John C. White and Jarrett's son Thomas S. Jarrett.

The IFAJS is chaired by USA Today and Gannett News Service columnist Wickham. He is also a distinguished professor of journalism at A&T.

North Carolina A&T State University and The National Association of Black Female Executive in Music and Entertainment (NABFEME) will present a forum Saturday, Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. - noon in the Memorial Student Union - Stallings Ballroom.

The forum entitled "Breaking Into the Biz: Careers and Opportunities," will feature panelists Jodi Berry, April Mial and Terri Rossi. The moderator of the event will be Johnnie Walker.

Walker is founder and chairman of NABFEME. It is a non-profit professional organization dedicated to the support and empowerment of women of color in recorded music, the media and related entertainment industry fields.

NABFEME is committed to the development of support programs and the creation of alliances that will assist members in achieving their personal and professional goals.

Walker is the first female at DEF Jam Records to move into the coveted position of senior vice president.

North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University has appointed two new administrators

to lead programs at the university.

Dr. James J. Gooch, a business consultant and retired corporate executive, has been named director of the Institute for Public Health and Dr. Joseph L. Graves Jr. is dean of the new Division of University Studies.

Gooch retired from a 24-year management career with DuPont, where his last position was director of business and bioelectronics for DuPont Technologies in Research Triangle Park, N.C.

An alumnus of N.C. A&T, Gooch received his master's degree and doctorate in public health from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. He also holds certificates from the American College of Epidemiology and the National Registry of Microbiologists.

Gooch has published 13 professional articles and reviews on microbiology, infection control, public health and epidemiology.

Graves most recently served as university core director and professor of biological sciences at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Graves has a Ph.D. from Wayne State University, a M.S. from the University of Lowell and an B.A. from Oberlin College. He also has studied at the University of Michigan.

He has written nearly 50 book reviews, articles, letters and peer reviewed publications. His book, The Race Myth: Why We Pretend Race Exists in America, is favored among reviewers.

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McNair program looks to recruit

BY ANDREA FULLER
Contributor

The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program is accepting applications for the 2005-06 school year.

The program is designed to assist minority and first-generation college students in obtaining doctoral degrees and helping students pursue teaching careers on the college level. The program provides graduate-school related seminars such as the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) tutorials, GRE waivers, assistance with graduate school admissions, graduate school fairs, symposiums, research conferences and graduate school visits.

During the summer, scholars conduct research while under the supervision of a faculty member in their major. The purpose of the 10-week summer research is to give scholars exposure to the type of work that would be required in graduate school.

Joyce Brown, the director of the Ronald E. McNair Program at A&T, said she is excited about the program and the success of the current scholars.

"Most of them are in graduate school and some have gone straight into Ph.D. programs," Brown said. "Others are working in situations where their employers will pay for them to go back to graduate school."

This year will bring more anticipation as Brown said she hopes to recruit more male scholars and students from diverse majors.

Brown said she has high expectations for the upcoming scholars.

"I expect them to give us 100 percent because we will give them 100 percent," she said.

Brown said that students must have the desire to want to go into

master's degree program and a level of commitment to do the things necessary to get there

"We give [students] the research component and that's what a lot of graduate schools look for—students who had research experience," she said.

Maria Robertson, a senior McNair scholar, said that the program is a very important factor in her life.

"The McNair Program is very important to me because I plan on pursuing a master's degree," Robertson said. "Research is a major part of being in graduate school and the McNair Program has taught me how to conduct research."

Robertson said that if a student plans to attend graduate school, then they need to join the McNair Program.

Candidates must be at least in sophomore standing, have a cumulative 3.0 G.P.A. and have completed the essay portion of the application. Students also must submit two official transcripts, a financial aid summary and three letters of recommendation.

The application deadline is Oct. 15. Those selected will be inducted into the program on Nov. 16 at 4 p.m. in the Memorial Student Union's Stallings Ballroom.

The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program was founded in 1990 and is funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The program is active in over 100 colleges and universities nationwide.

The program is named after astronaut Ronald E. McNair, a 1971 graduate of North Carolina A&T State University. McNair died on Jan. 20, 1986 in an explosion aboard the shuttle Challenger.

Police Briefs

Aug. 26-28

Order for Arrest
Benbow Road

A student was charged with failure to appear in court. The suspect was taken to jail and given secured bond. There were no injuries.

Assault
Riverwalk Apartments

A contract security guard was assaulted by two unknown males. The unknown males drove away. There were no injuries.

Trespassing
Aggie Stadium

A student was issued a citation and released for trespassing. The non faculty, staff, student was given an order of banned from the university.

Aug. 30

Drug Violation
Bluford Library

A non-student was cited and released for possession of marijuana trying to enter the Bluford Library.

Aug. 29

Lost Property
Murphy Hall

A staff member reported some documents missing. They were previously secured in the office.

Mental Subject
Pride Hall

A student was found suffering from mental illness. The student was transported to University Counseling Services for evaluation.

Disturbance
Aggie Suites

A student reported having a dispute with another student. Both students are roommates. There were no injuries.

Aug. 31

Lost Property
Scott Memorial Fountain

A female student resident of Barbee Hall reported misplacing several items of personal property in area of Scott Hall Memorial Fountain. After searching, the student did not locate property.

Larceny
Hines Hall

A female non-student reported unknown persons removed her purse while she visited another class. The estimated cost of property is \$362.

Vandalism
Yanceyville Center

Security officer of Yanceyville Center reported persons unknown spray painted wall on North side of the building. The estimate cost of damage is \$250.

Lost Property
1020 Wendover

A female staff member reported losing 10 university keys while visiting out of town. The estimate cost is \$35.

Sept. 1

Vandalism
Frazier Hall

A staff member reported the key cover to a grand piano damaged possibly by drumsticks. The room was left unsecured.

Weapon on Campus
Mitchell Drive

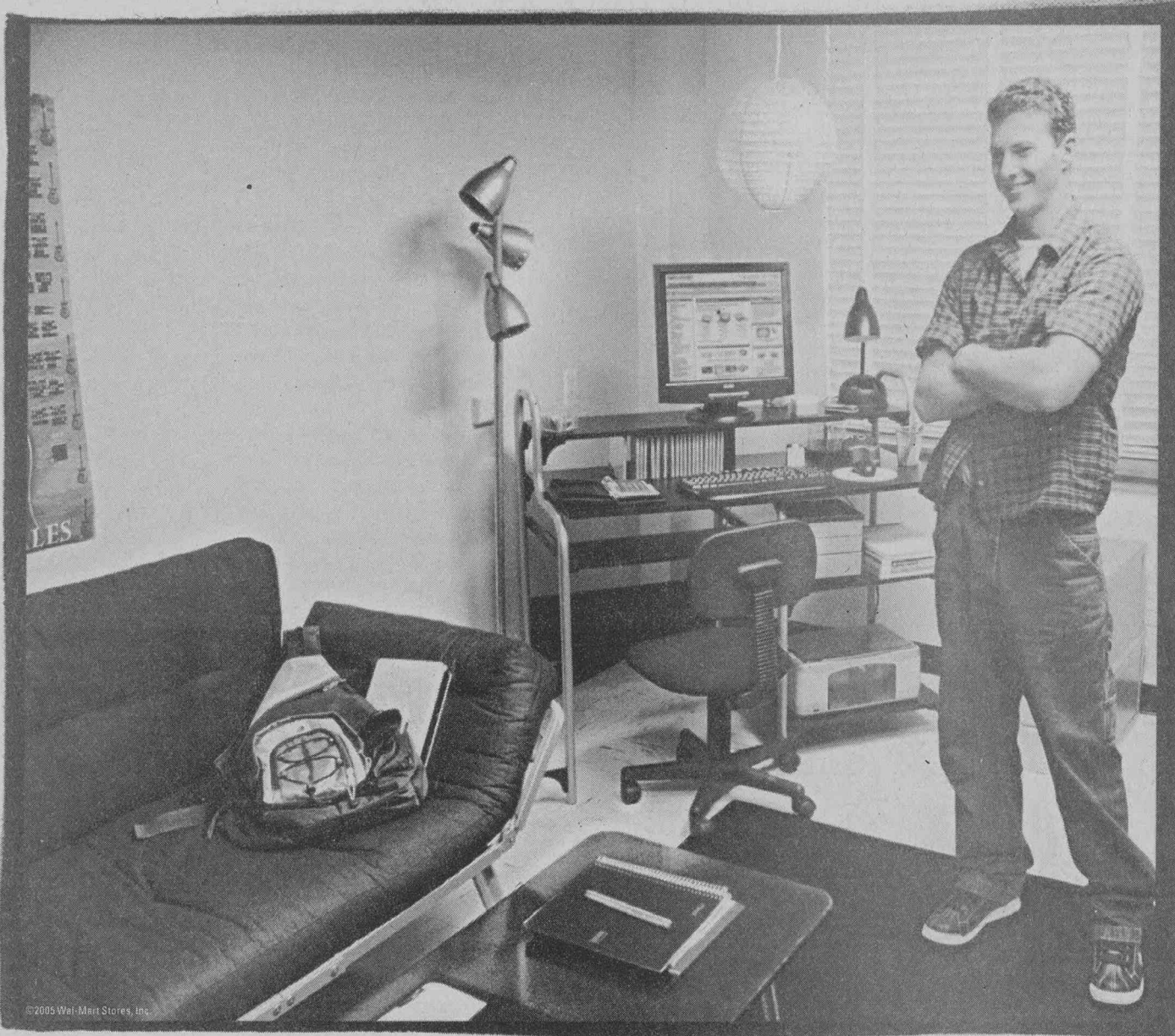
A black male off campus student was cited for having a sword in the trunk of his car. Ammunition for a firearm was observed in the car. The student said he had a gun but only a sword was found. The student had been previously warned by officers on Market Street.

Obstruct/Delay
Moore Gym Lot

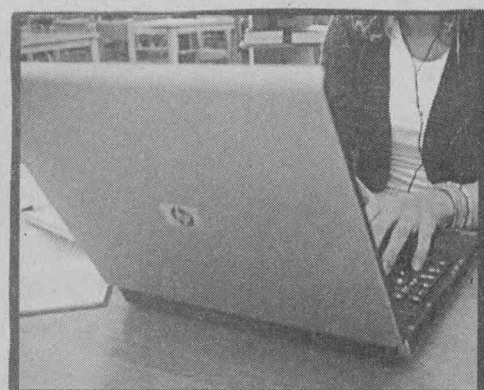
A black male non-student was charged with driving while license revoked and obstructing/delaying a government official. Two of the passengers were charged after failing to leave campus when instructed.

compiled by Tiffany Mallory

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Pain of hurricane victims felt at Howard University

BY CHARREAH JACKSON
Black College Wire

Though far from the Gulf Coast, the Howard University community is feeling the painful effect of Hurricane Katrina, which tore through New Orleans and Mississippi on Aug. 29.

The storm system managed to wreak havoc on many states along the southern border, causing deaths in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

Leaving New Orleans virtually under water, Katrina moved on to southeast Mississippi and was reduced to a Category 1 hurricane by evening. Though the storm's winds died down, officials now fear that spinoff tornadoes may form.

"I am very concerned with what's going on down there," Tracey Albert, a senior sociology major, said. "I found out early today because my brother goes to Xavier and had to evacuate."

Among those touched on Howard's campus were Andre Rosario, freshman biology/pre-med major at Xavier University in New Orleans. Rosario nervously awaited the fate of his university while home with his uncle, a Howard professor.

"My parents realized how serious it was and got me out on time," Rosario said, passionately recounting his journey. He was awakened by resident assistants on the morning of Aug. 27 and students were told to try to make plans to leave. Informed of his 4:50 p.m. flight at 3:30, Rosario wondered how he made it out on time. It was one of the last flights leaving New Orleans Saturday. "I feel really bad for people who couldn't make it, and for the city of New Orleans and for my school. I was only there for two



PHOTO CREDIT: NOAA

A vessel pushed on shore in south Plaquemines Parish, La., on Aug. 29 demonstrates Katrina's power.

weeks, but I really feel connected," he said.

Students unable to evacuate stayed in elevated parts of the campus, on the top levels of buildings, with emergency food and administrators nearby. Others headed to the Louisiana Superdome for cover. The storm ripped two holes into the structure's roof, but those inside remained safe.

Power was shut down for Xavier and for all of New Orleans, and communications failed. "Campus Web sites and hotlines are still down at Xavier," Rosario said on Aug. 29.

The lack of electricity created some anxiety on Howard's campus. Many students with loved ones were unable to contact family members who might have been affected.

According to the Associated

Press, it could take two months before power is completely restored to all affected by Katrina.

More than 750,000 people, from the Florida Panhandle to Louisiana, were said to be without power. New Orleans hospitals were relying on generators to treat patients and those injured. The federal government sent emergency supplies, along with doctors and Pentagon personnel to aid search-and-rescue missions sent for those who were unable to evacuate and might still be trapped.

Howard students sympathized with those who were suffering. "If something like that happened at Howard, I would be in the same position I am in now, homeless and confused since I don't have housing," said Albert, the sociology major. "I would just have others to join in (and feel) my pain."

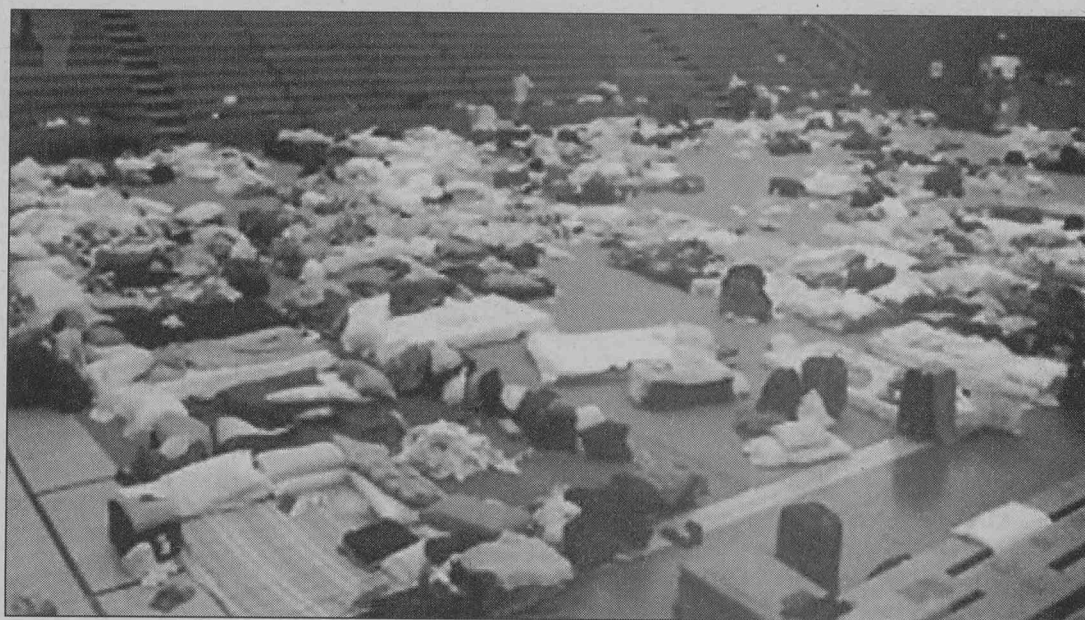


PHOTO BY MICHAEL GRANT

Matresses and other supplies were delivered to Centenary College's Gold Dome for the more than 200 Dillard students who slept in the gym.

Dillard students find refuge at a sister school

BY MICHAEL GRANT
Black College Wire

For Dillard University students bused out of New Orleans to Shreveport in advance of Hurricane Katrina, the storm aftermath continues.

"We have spoken today with Dillard University officials, and it has been determined that it will be some time before the Dillard campus in New Orleans will reopen following the widespread damage caused by Hurricane Katrina," came the announcement Aug. 30 at Centenary College, which has sheltered more than 200 Dillard students since Aug. 27.

The trip to Shreveport, La., was just the beginning of their journey.

Decision to evacuate

No one was prepared for Hurricane Katrina and the effects it would have. In the brief time the hurricane took to reach shore, it tore through southeastern Louisiana showing no remorse on Aug. 27, forcing Dillard students along with the entire city of New Orleans to evacuate.

The second week of school was well underway. Freddy Hill, vice president of campus life at Dillard, said it was during a senior cabinet retreat that reports and development of the hurricane were discussed.

"We made a decision, headed straight back to campus, and began an evacuation at about 10 Saturday morning," Hill said.

Dillard President Marvalene Hughes contacted Centenary President Kenneth L. Schwab to discuss housing arrangements for Dillard evacuees, according to the Rev. Betsy Eaves, the chaplain at Centenary College. The college's emergency preparations committee decided to evacuate based on predictions from the National Hurricane Center.

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin officially issued a mandatory evacuation by Sunday morning, but Dillard officials had made their decision earlier.

"By 5 o'clock (Saturday), we had completely evacuated our campus," Hill said.

The school rented six charter buses, at a cost of \$15,000, to transport 206 Dillard students to Centenary College in Shreveport.

Getting Out

Birmingham, Ala., native Crystal Hawkins, a 20-year-old junior and a residential assistant, was faced with the responsibility of notifying residents of the evacuation.

"On Friday night, I was notified by one of my residents that a hurricane was coming," Hawkins said. "By morning, everyone was crying, asking me what's going on and what to do. Ms. Darby - the dorm parent who I report to - asked me to announce that the school was to be evacuated by 4 o'clock."

Hawkins went around to the rooms of her hall notifying students to get their things together, but had little time to worry about her own arrangements.

"By the time I could begin to think about what I was going to do to go where I needed to be, it was too late to get a plane, a bus or a train ticket."

Others were in the same situation: About 35 upperclassmen who could not find any other means of evacuating were on the buses to

Centenary.

Hawkins knew what to expect, having experienced Hurricane Ivan, but she said it was still complicated.

"We would have left campus earlier, but one of our buses broke down right before we left," Hawkins said. "We had to wait two hours for another bus to come in." One of six buses dispatched for Dillard's evacuation broke down before students could be put on board. A replacement bus was brought in.

Dillard students were forced to evacuate the campus over about three hours. Most students were able to find a way to their hometowns, some leaving with friends, others leaving with family.

A Dangerous Twist

About two and a half hours outside of New Orleans, the bus stopped at a McDonald's. As the buses continued on to Shreveport, about 20 to 30 minutes farther into the route, students on the replacement bus said they smelled smoke. This was followed by a sway after a tire failed.

"The driver pulled over," said Rashida Jones, an 18-year-old sophomore from Houston. "After taking a look at what happened, the driver ordered everyone to get off of the bus. So, we're just standing there and at first we saw a little flame. Then it began to spread."

Within minutes, the whole bus was ablaze.

"I thought they were trying to put it out," Jones said. "I couldn't tell you how quickly it happened. I was so traumatized that this whole thing had happened."

Practically everything was unsalvageable, but Jones was able to recover a suitcase. "When I was packing, I just threw everything in a suitcase. I didn't know what was in there." Her other bag was lost with a few very important belongings.

The fire made a long trip to Shreveport even longer: leaving campus at 6 p.m. Saturday and arriving at 6 a.m. Monday meant they traveled more than twice the time it takes on a regular day.

Support at Centenary College

Upon arrival, Eaves, chaplain at Centenary, met the students to help get them settled in.

"We've worked hard together very well; the community has been very generous and supportive with supplies and financial support," Eaves said.

Students were greeted with all the necessities needed to get through the first night.

"The school reassured us that everything would be replaced," said Jones. By the time they awakened Monday, donations were pouring in.

"I didn't expect anything, but the community really responded," said Jones. "Cell phones, clothes, blankets, pillows . . . anything you could think of, they gave to us. Everyone was really supportive about it and offered encouraging words."

"I am pleased with the success of the operation," Eaves said.

Both institutions came together in previous years. Dillard and Centenary College connected through their affiliation with the United Methodist Church.

According to Eaves, what made this occasion unusual was not only the short amount of time for the evacuation, but the severity of the hurricane.

Figuring out what's next

By the evening of Aug. 31, roughly 40 of the 206 evacuated Dillard students remained at Centenary. Arrangements were still in the works for their travel plans. Centenary's president announced creation of a fund for the Dillard students and plans to get the majority home. According to Schwab's statement, a chartered bus took "some 50 students to the Dallas area." Another was heading for Chicago, with drop-off stops along the way.

To assist the many others who could not return to their homes or who were from other remote locations, an account was set up at Centenary "to help with relocation expenses related to their dilemma."

"We got a vast majority out, and have been working all day to accommodate students going to places like California, New York and other faraway places," Eaves said.

Dillard students were prompted to begin searching for flights on various Web sites, seeking out flights from various areas of the country costing as little as possible. Others were on standby for further accommodations.

"First United Methodist Church has a van that's taking us to Birmingham," Hawkins said, referring to herself and two others from her hometown. Hawkins had just received news that a tree fell through her mother's house.

"From what I understand, no one's hurt, but my mom wouldn't tell me if she's not doing well anyway," Hawkins said. "She wouldn't want me to worry."

Other students' parents were coming to pick them up from Shreveport. Arrangements for international students were more complex to fulfill.

Eaves remained optimistic about taking care of all the Dillard students.

"Our staff is working around the clock to keep these kids comfortable," Eaves said.

Sharell Jarvis, a 17-year-old freshman from New York, said she had been wrestling with feelings of uncertainty.

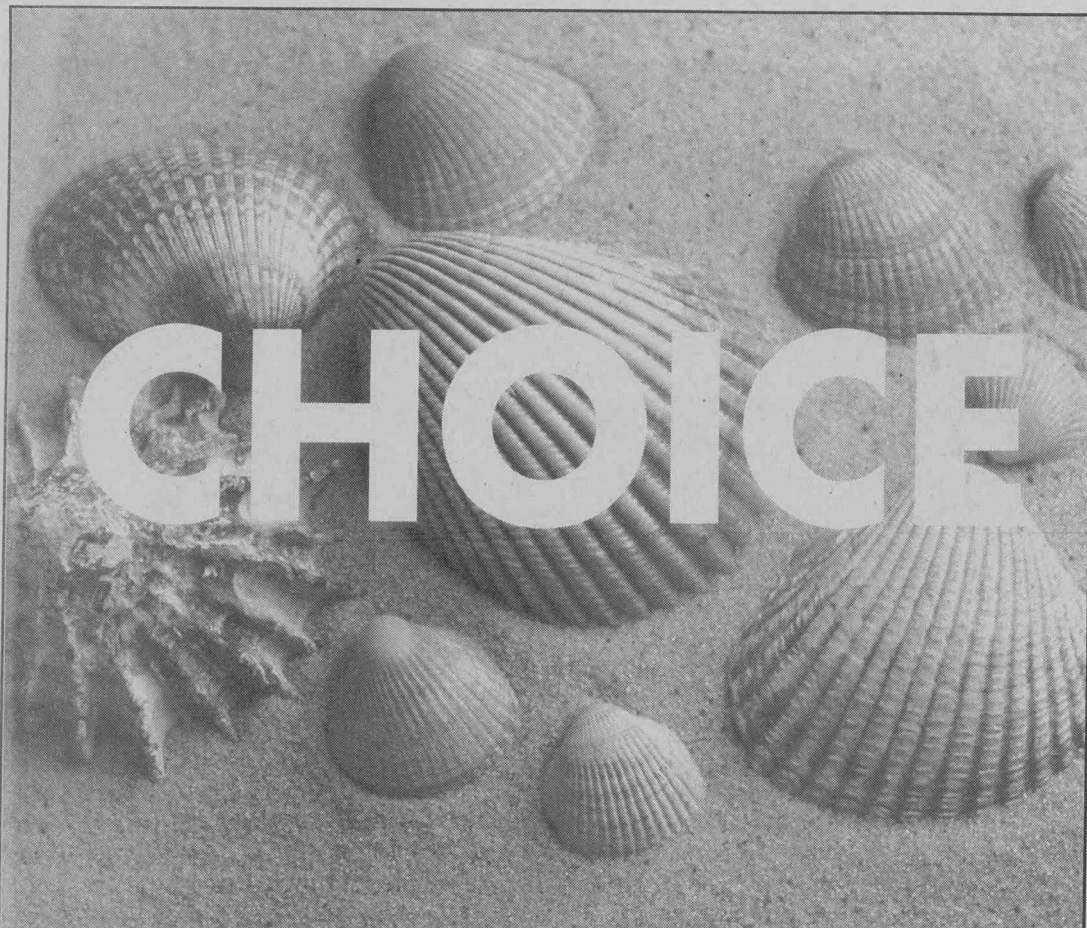
"I don't know what kind of condition campus is in," she said. "I heard some buildings were destroyed, there was lots of damage, and even looting. If we don't go back to school, then I still have to come back because my fees have already been paid. Am I going back? Due to circumstances, I just don't know."

She described the feel of campus during her first week of school. "It was fine: small, very homelike, in a secluded area. Everyone was like family that first week. People helped us find classes and teachers were really welcoming."

Describing the ordeal, Eric Madlock, a 17-year-old from Chicago, said "It was both scary and exciting because I never suspected any of this. It was scary with all the buses breaking down and then we're wondering if the buses are safe, but it was exciting because it was an experience in a major disaster."

"This is something I can live to tell about," Madlock said. "I've been through high winds and blizzards, but never a hurricane."

Michael Grant is a student at Grambling State University.



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Women's groups steaming from hot turtle ad

By LAURENCE ILIFF
KRT

MEXICO CITY - Showing some skin to reach Mexico's macho consumers isn't new. Sexy women sell everything from tools to beer. But the use of a Playboy model in ads to protect sea turtles has put one U.S. ecology group in the middle of a feminist flap.

Argentine model Dorismar lays in a provocative pose in one poster. The words "My man doesn't need turtle eggs" appear in large type above her. "Because he knows they don't make him more potent," the legend continues, as three turtles scoot along a Mexican beach.

The "sexy campaign," as the San Diego-based group Wildcoast calls it, is designed to stop Mexican men from consuming raw turtle eggs that have been illegally marketed as an aphrodisiac. The eggs are sold on the Pacific Coast, in Mexico City and elsewhere.

It features three posters with the model Dorismar in provocative poses (www.tortugamarina.com). They are to be hung in restaurants, bars and public places beginning in September, the height of turtle breeding season.

There also are plans for the ads to appear on billboards and buses.

Women's groups, which now cope with issues such as rampant sexual harassment and a wave of sex killings of mostly young women, want a cold shower dumped on the "sexy campaign."

"It's outrageous," said the head of the federal government's Women's Institute, Patricia Espinosa, in an interview with the Mexico City newspaper Reforma. "It lacks the least respect for the dignity of a woman and places her only as a stereotype, an ornament."

The federal government and the state government of Guerrero, which have signed on to the \$30,000 advertising campaign but provided none of the money, are caught in the middle.

The Federal Environmental Prosecutor's Office said in a statement that it had "not designed, financed nor distributed these posters in any manner," although its phone number appears on the posters to report violations. "The prosecutor's office considers it an obligation of all to protect the sea turtle, without offending the dignity of women."

Guerrero Environmental Minister Daniel Monroy Ojeda said state authorities could not prevent the privately financed campaign from going forward, while the state Women's Ministry suggested that it be "modified."

"Such campaigns do not need to be carried out utilizing the image of women as sexual objects and consumer goods," said the head of the ministry, Rosa Maria Gomez, in a statement.

Although an estimated 14 million golf-ball-sized turtle eggs were deposited on one Oaxaca state beach earlier this month, environmentalists insist that the aphrodisiac myth is a serious threat to the turtles and worthy of an edgy campaign.

Burqas instead?

"I was surprised at the reaction and I consider myself a feminist," said Fay Crevoshay, communications director for Wildcoast. "Being a model is not a career one should be ashamed of," she said. "What are we supposed to wear, burqas?"

Crevoshay said that she expects the federal government and the state of Guerrero to be part of the campaign when it kicks off in September as planned with or without them.

Iraqis bury 1,000 killed in stampede

By QASSIM MOHAMMED
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NAJAF, Iraq -Thousands of mourners flooded the southern holy city of Najaf on Thursday Sept. 1, to bury victims of a devastating stampede that killed about 1,000 Shiite Muslims and stirred criticism that the Iraqi government had failed to protect its people.

Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari, visiting the wounded in a Baghdad hospital, blamed insurgents for the tragedy and pledged "a very harsh hit." Jaafari's government on Thursday also carried out

the first death sentences since the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime, hanging three Iraqi men convicted of murder.

News of the executions was all but lost as local TV stations broadcast nonstop images of mass funerals in Najaf and Baghdad. The footage showed orphaned children, weeping relatives and rows of bodies.

Grieving and angry Iraqis debated who was responsible for the single biggest loss of life since the war began.

The stampede occurred Aug. 31 when thousands of Shiites in a religious procession panicked after

hearing a rumor of a suicide bomber on a bridge.

Some angry mourners said the government didn't provide enough crowd control and complained that Baghdad's dilapidated medical infrastructure wasn't prepared to cope with a disaster of this magnitude. Many blamed insurgents for creating a climate of fear in the capital; others said the U.S. military is ultimately responsible for Iraq's security.

"The Americans are responsible," said Abbas Kadhim, 39, whose mother died on the bridge and was buried in Najaf. "Their planes were monitoring the event and yet they

stay away because they're afraid of these ceremonies."

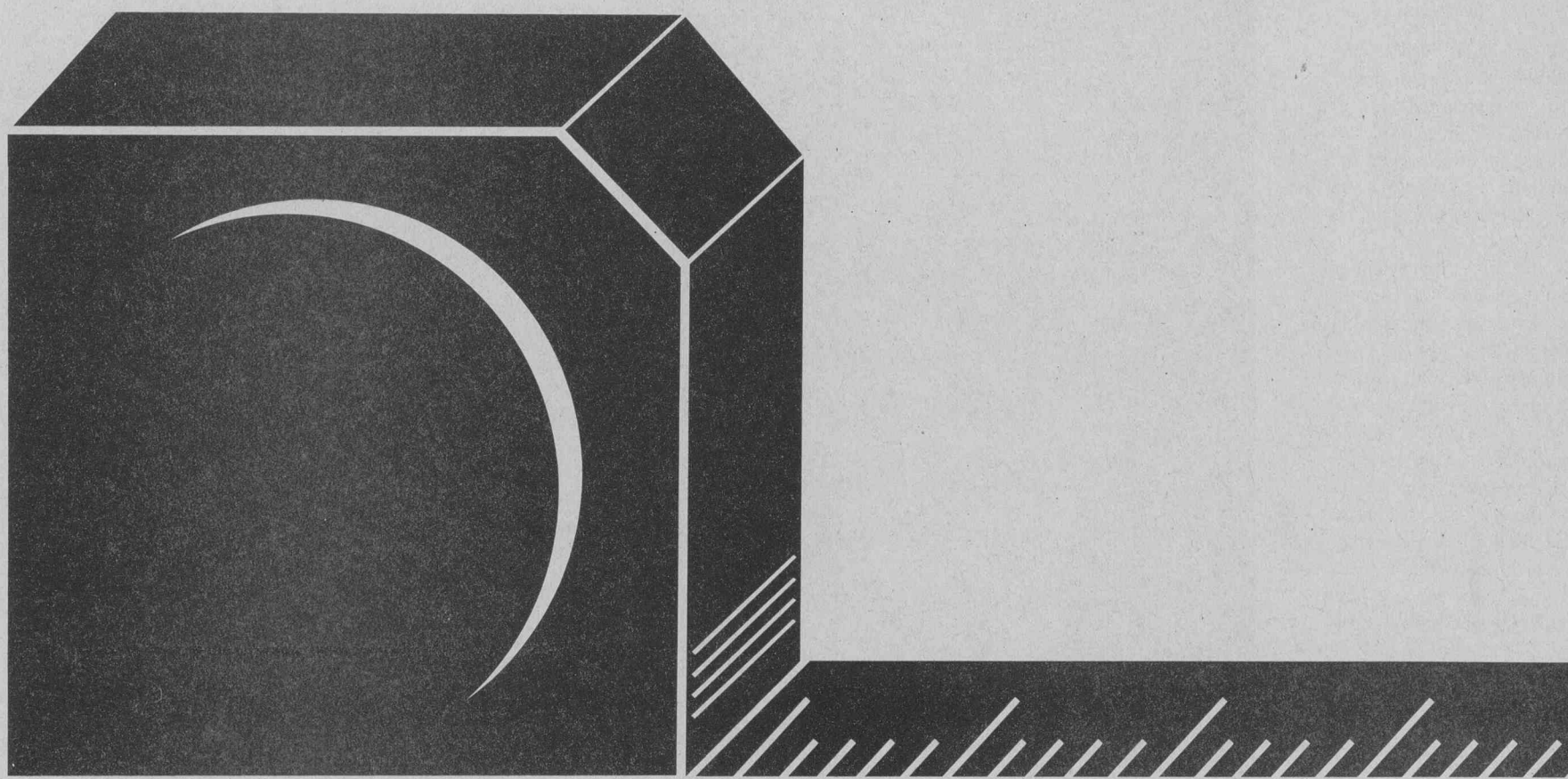
But the harshest criticism was reserved for Jaafari's government, especially among impoverished Shiites who traveled from the Baghdad slum of Sadr City to Najaf to bury hundreds of victims. Many Sadr City residents are loyal to the rebel cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, whose lieutenants made televised calls for the resignations of Iraq's interior, defense and health ministers. Al-Sadr also dispatched about 400 of his militiamen to assist with burials in Najaf.

"The Jaafari administration has totally failed in providing security

and every other basic service," said Hameed Mohammed, 33, a Sadr City resident who buried his brother in Najaf.

All main roads were blocked leading to Najaf's Old City, where the sprawling Valley of Peace cemetery is located. Iraqi security forces fanned out across the city.

Because of a ban on cars near Old City, Iraqis were forced to carry their dead or place coffins on donkey carts. Provincial officials set aside a swath of the cemetery so that victims of the stampede could be buried together, and they promised to build a national memorial.



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Experts undecided about rebuilding New Orleans

By WILLIAM BUNCH
KRT

If you threw a dart at a map of the United States 999 times, you could not hit a worse spot to locate a metropolis.

Surrounded by two large, flood-prone bodies of water, New Orleans lies as much as 10 feet below sea level in some places, and is sinking deeper every year. With scientists seeing an era of more intense and more frequent tropical storms, it sits in the bull's-eye of Hurricane Alley. What's more, it's wicked-hot, and very humid.

And so now, with much of the city under water from the worst American natural disaster in nearly a century, some are wondering: Is it really a good idea to rebuild New Orleans, and will it be done?

The answers, most say, are "probably not" and "you bet."

The job may take years, but experts say that imagining a world without the rustic charm and joie de vivre of "The Big Easy" is like conjuring up a world without zydeco music, crawgush etoufee, or corrupt politicians.

Impossible.

Indeed, throughout the week, a virtual jazz funeral line of New Orleans writers has taken

to cyberspace to mourn the possible passing of the boisterous city that inspired them, and to plea for its survival.

"There are friends' houses that will no doubt be so much flotsam, neighborhood restaurants that won't serve another oyster po' boy, bars where the jukebox won't ever play Allen Toussaint or Ernie K-Doe again," Josh Levin wrote Wednesday in Slate.com.

Not to worry, says one expert who just studied how cities bounce back from natural disasters.

"All the experience of the last 200 years has been that no matter how devastated a city is, no matter how vulnerable a location, the almost ubiquitous experience has been to rebuild on that same site," said Larry Vale, who chairs the urban-studies department at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and who co-edited "The Resilient City: How Modern Cities Recover From Disaster."

Vale said that because it is so important for humans to take some kind of meaning from disaster, the natural reaction is not only to rebuild a city but to seek to remake it even grander, as in some of the bolder proposals for a Freedom Tower to replace New York's World Trade Center.

Indeed, on Aug. 31, President Bush vowed that New Orleans would be rebuilt. The White House will soon send a multi-billion dollar aid and recovery package to Congress.

Bush told Gulf Coast residents in a nationally televised address, "I'm confident that, with time, you can get your life back in order, new communities will flourish, the great city of New Orleans will be back on its feet, and America will be a stronger place for it."

But not everyone agrees that the government should rebuild New Orleans. Fox News analyst Jack Chambless, an economics professor, said on the network that American taxpayers shouldn't foot the bill for people to live there.

"What we now have is the law of unintended consequences taking place, where FEMA has come into New Orleans, a place where, ecologically, it makes no sense to have levees keeping the Mississippi River from flooding into New Orleans, like it naturally should," Chambless said.

But most experts say that New Orleans should be rebuilt, just rebuilt differently.

Environmentalists note that hurricane damage and flooding is more severe because in Louisiana some 25 square miles of marshy wetlands become seawater every year, roughly the

size of Manhattan, due largely to human activities. That means less protection from storm surges.

David Conrad, who studied the loss of wetlands for the National Wildlife Federation, said it's critical that in the most flood-prone areas that "we either not rebuild or make absolutely sure that buildings are elevated to make them safer."

Less clear is what to do about the system of levees and pumps that is supposed to protect New Orleans from severe flooding. Before Katrina struck, a proposed federal study of how the city could survive a Category 4 or 5 hurricane was shelved because of the cost of the war in Iraq, while funding for the city's main flood-protection plan was slashed.

Nanette Lockwood, a Tampa, Fla.-based engineer and hurricane expert who works for the company Solutia, also noted that Louisiana is just one of three hurricane-prone states not to have a building code to prevent storm damage.

"This isn't rocket science," said Lockwood, who noted that New Orleans and the surrounding communities could adopt their own codes to require that buildings be constructed sturdier.

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PHOTO BY IRWIN THOMPSON

Charles Scott pushes his bike through floodwaters in New Orleans on Aug. 30.

told her.

Death estimates still ranged in the thousands, with countless people missing, including rhythm and blues legend Fats Domino.

The 77-year-old singer-pianist, whose real name is Antoine Domino, lives in New Orleans' low-lying, flooded Ninth Ward.

Estimates of the damage reached \$50 billion, by far the highest ever associated with a U.S. natural disaster.

Most people acknowledged the complexity of dealing with an event of this magnitude.

Nevertheless, criticism mounted of the relief effort by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other federal agencies.

The storm's fearsome intensity and ultimate destination were known days in advance, so why were so many National Guard troops still sidelined three days after catastrophe struck? Why were so many areas still unvisited, unaided, unsafe? Why were so many people dying of dehydration, their bodies sprawled in the streets of American cities?

"This is a national disgrace," said Terry Ebbert, the head of New Orleans' emergency operations. "FEMA has been here three days, yet there is no command and control. We can send massive amounts of aid to tsunami victims, but we can't bail out the city of New Orleans."

Most of the attention focused on the human drama unfolding in New Orleans, but many thousands more suffered in Gulfport, Biloxi and scores of towns along the Mississippi and Louisiana coasts, as far away as Alabama and the Florida Panhandle, and deep inland.

While many essentials of life were scarce, already sodden residents of those areas received one commodity they didn't need — more rain, in the form of thunderstorms that compounded their misery.

Thankfully, some help did arrive in the form of ice, water and pre-prepared meals, but it fell far short of the need, and coordination seemed lacking.

Jeff Broadus, 35, and his wife, Stacy, 33, of Gulfport, Miss., were glad to find a grocery store open. The night before, they were surprised to learn that disaster relief personnel had distributed ice and water in the Winn-Dixie parking lot.

"It's frustrating," Jeff Broadus said. "Nobody's announcing where the locations are or when ice and water will be given out."

President Bush and some state officials said the government was doing the best it could under the circumstances.

"This is the worst natural disaster in the history of this country," said Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour. "Nobody's ever done this before. Every day we try to make a little progress. We are going to make mistakes along the way. ... We are out there in uncharted water."

By Friday morning, 20,000 National Guard troops will be on duty in the region, with another 10,000 expected during the week-end, according to Jack Harrison, a spokesman for the National Guard.

More than 7,000 active-duty

troops have been mobilized, according to Michael Kucharek, a spokesman for U.S. Northern Command. Most of these are aboard U.S. Navy ships in the area or en route to it.

Still in summer recess, Congress agreed to reconvene and approve \$10.5 billion in hurricane relief funds, mostly for FEMA.

Also in Washington, the White House announced that the president would tour the Gulf Coast on Friday.

In addition, Bush asked his father, former President George H.W. Bush, and former President Bill Clinton to lead a private fundraising campaign for victims, as they did in the wake of the tsunami that devastated much of south Asia and eastern Africa late last year.

Scenes that emerged from the U.S. Gulf Coast on Thursday — images of growing hunger, thirst and desperation — aroused other eerie, depressing reminders of that Third World disaster.

In another astounding reversal of fortune, the Bush administration said for the first time that it will accept offers of foreign assistance.

At least 24 nations and international organizations, ranging from close U.S. ally Israel to frequent antagonist Venezuela and even the United Nations, have offered medical teams, field hospitals, military aircraft and other help.

"We will accept all offers of foreign assistance," said Sean McCormack, a spokesman for the State Department.

But will it arrive in time?

In New Orleans, where conditions deteriorated by the minute, authorities mounted a desperate, last-chance evacuation of the 50,000 to 100,000 people still in the flooded city.

Thousands of men, women and children trudged along a second-floor walkway that connects the Superdome to the Hyatt Regency hotel, hoping to board buses bound for relief centers in Houston. Officials in Texas said they could house 25,000 people in the Astrodome and another 25,000 elsewhere.

Couples carried or held the hands of frightened or crying children. Folks hauled trash bags filled with their personal belongings. Others lugged suitcases, duffel bags or the few scraps of clothing they had left.

Joseph White, 71, a life-long resident of New Orleans, sat against a wall and watched the mass of humanity walk past. Soon, he, too, would be heading toward the bus line.

"The Superdome is filthy, funky, with urination and bowel movements everywhere," he said.

An Army chaplain, Bible in hand, walked back and forth along the lines offering encouragement and playing the role of peacemaker between frustrated people who jostled to get to the front of the line and into one of the buses.

And not just any buses. "Air-conditioned buses, sounds good, doesn't it?" the chaplain said.

Douglas reported from New Orleans, Dodd reported from Biloxi and Merzer reported from Washington.

Chief justice dies at 80

By STEPHEN HENDERSON
KRT

WASHINGTON—William Hubbs Rehnquist, the 16th chief justice of the United States and leader of sweeping efforts to curb federal power and expand state authority, died Saturday night, ending a nearly yearlong fight with thyroid cancer.

Court officials said Rehnquist, who was 80, died at home in Arlington, Va., surrounded by his three adult children. His death ends one of the 20th century's most distinguished high court careers and is likely to touch off a heavily financed and bitterly partisan battle over his replacement.

Although Rehnquist was seriously ill, his death comes as somewhat of a surprise, because he had returned to the bench in January and had been at work almost every day this summer. He had been hospitalized twice, however, for fevers.

White House spokeswoman Jeanie Mamo said President Bush was informed shortly before 11 p.m. about Rehnquist's death. "President and Mrs. Bush are deeply saddened," she said. "His family is in their thoughts and prayers." She said the president plans to make a statement Sunday morning after he leaves church.

Former clerks remember him as a dedicated public servant with a strong view of the Constitution, the court and the law.

"Over three decades, he moved and improved the court's doctrines having to do with criminal justice, federal power and the role of religion in the public square of our society," said Richard Garnett, now a professor of law at the University of Notre Dame.

Said Chuck Cooper, a private practice lawyer and former assistant attorney general:

"What we have seen over the past 15 years, under Chief Justice Rehnquist's leadership, is the court reviving the Founding Fathers' vision of limited government, and, in the process, enlarging the liberties of individuals in this country."

Interest groups anticipating that Rehnquist's announcement last fall that he has thyroid cancer would

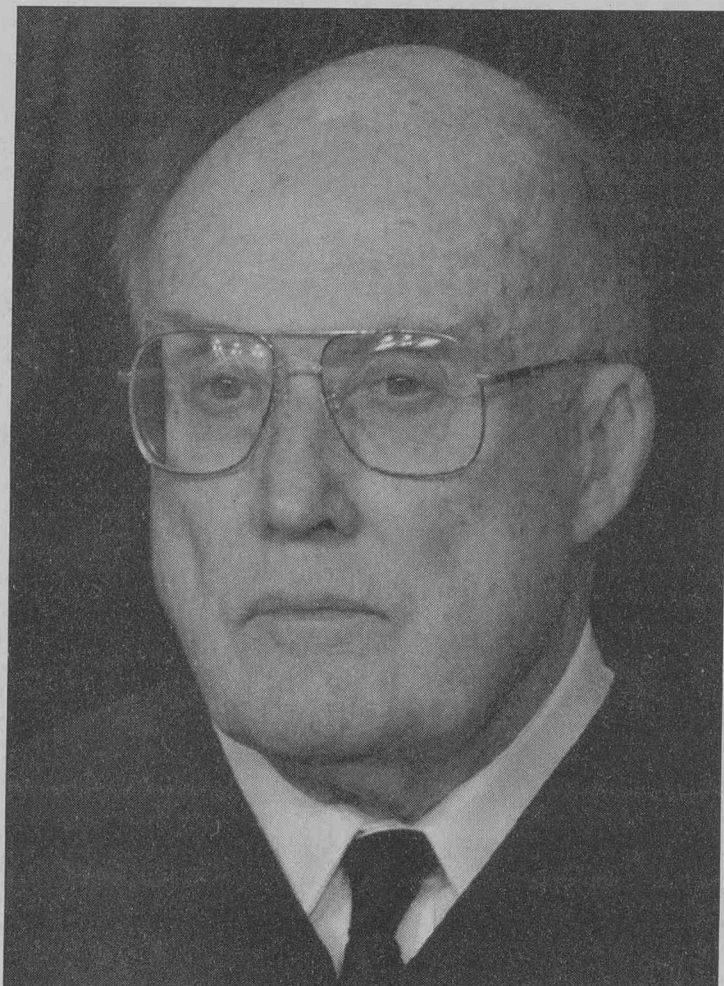


PHOTO BY PETE SOUZA

Chief Justice William Rehnquist, shown here in a Dec. 5, 2003 file photo, died Sept. 3, in Arlington, Va. He was 80.

lead to his retirement have spent months raising millions of dollars and researching potential candidates. One group has stockpiled \$18 million to help confirm whomever Bush picks. An opposition group has set up a "war room" from which to launch its attacks on the eventual nominee.

Some of that money and passion have already been spent supporting and fighting the Roberts nomination.

Like many justices on the high court, Rehnquist clerked at the court as a young lawyer. He later went into private practice in Arizona, where he became active in Republican politics and worked as a legal adviser to Barry Goldwater's 1964 presidential campaign.

Richard Nixon first hired Rehnquist to work in the White House counsel's office. In 1972, while Rehnquist was working with the president's staff to choose a

nominee to fill a high court vacancy, the president made a surprise choice: Rehnquist would become the court's 100th justice.

Almost immediately, Rehnquist struck a chord of unusual conservatism on the court. He advocated for judicial restraint in areas where the court had been quite active for decades. He argued that Congress should be limited to the powers granted to it by the Constitution.

His views made him an outsider on the early court, where he was a frequent, and sometimes lone, dissenter. But a conservative intellectual movement grew up around the same principles, and by the mid-1980s, Ronald Reagan was appointing justices with outlooks similar to Rehnquist's.

Reagan made Rehnquist chief justice in 1986 and sparked a revolution that dramatically decreased the reach of the federal government. Together with Sandra Day O'Connor, Anthony Kennedy,

Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas, the Rehnquist court has cut the regulatory power of Congress, dulled its ability to mandate anti-discrimination practices and hobbled its control over states' activities.

Even in recent years, as the Rehnquist coalition has splintered over high-profile cases, the court has operated largely within the framework that Rehnquist helped establish.

In popular terms, Rehnquist's tenure as chief justice will be best remembered for two events: his presiding over the 1998 impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton in Congress and leading the court to its controversial 2000 decision in Bush v. Gore, which handed the presidency to George W. Bush.

Despite the radical change that Rehnquist inspired while on the court, his reputation in the court and among those in the legal community is sterling. Known by his colleagues, clerks and those who practice before the court simply as "The Chief," he's considered a master administrator who uses polite, measured authority to achieve remarkable efficiencies.

The court under his watch has reduced the number of cases heard each term and eliminated the lengthy delays that caused some cases to linger over multiple terms.

Liberals and conservatives alike respected his leadership. "I think, historically, Rehnquist will be considered among the three most influential chief justices in history," said David Garrow, a law professor at Emory University. There's John Marshall, the 19th century chief who established the court as final arbiter of constitutional issues, and Earl Warren, whose court presided over sweeping social change in the 1950s and 1960s.

"Rehnquist has to be considered in that league," Garrow said.

Rehnquist is survived by his three children, Janet Rehnquist of Arlington, Va.; James C. Rehnquist of Sharon, Mass.; and Nancy Spears of Middlebury, Vt. He is also survived by a sister, Jean Larin of Grand Rapids, Mich., and nine grandchildren. His wife, Natalie Cornell Rehnquist, died in 1991.

Are You Serious???

BY JESSICA DE VAULT
Arts and Entertainment



On Sunday, I had a chance to check out the first annual Soulfest in Raleigh. Artists like Will

Downing, saxophonist Gerald Albright and singer Angie Stone were in attendance.

I watched the elderly dance in the aisles to Albright's version of "My My My" by Johnny Gill and Downing's "Cool Water." People used to fall in love to this kind of music. The kind of music that is filled with simplistic romance. Music that speaks of a time when enjoying one's company was innocent and sex was seen as love-making and not some sick porno-inspired screw.

Nowadays, romance is when a guy like Bobby Valentino stares at your assets and says, "Don't turn around, because that pretty round thing looks good to me."

This editor has to ask, where has the good music gone? I'll tell you where it went. It's been extended, sped up and snipped into short sound bites that are being inserted into a loop machine for a Kanye West hook.

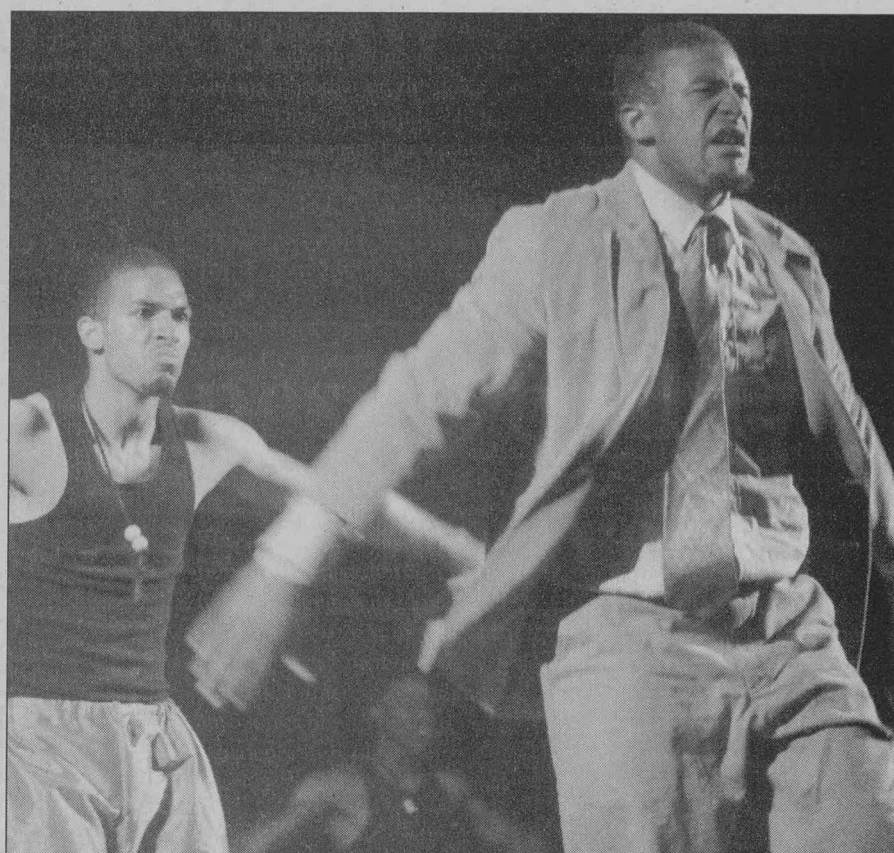
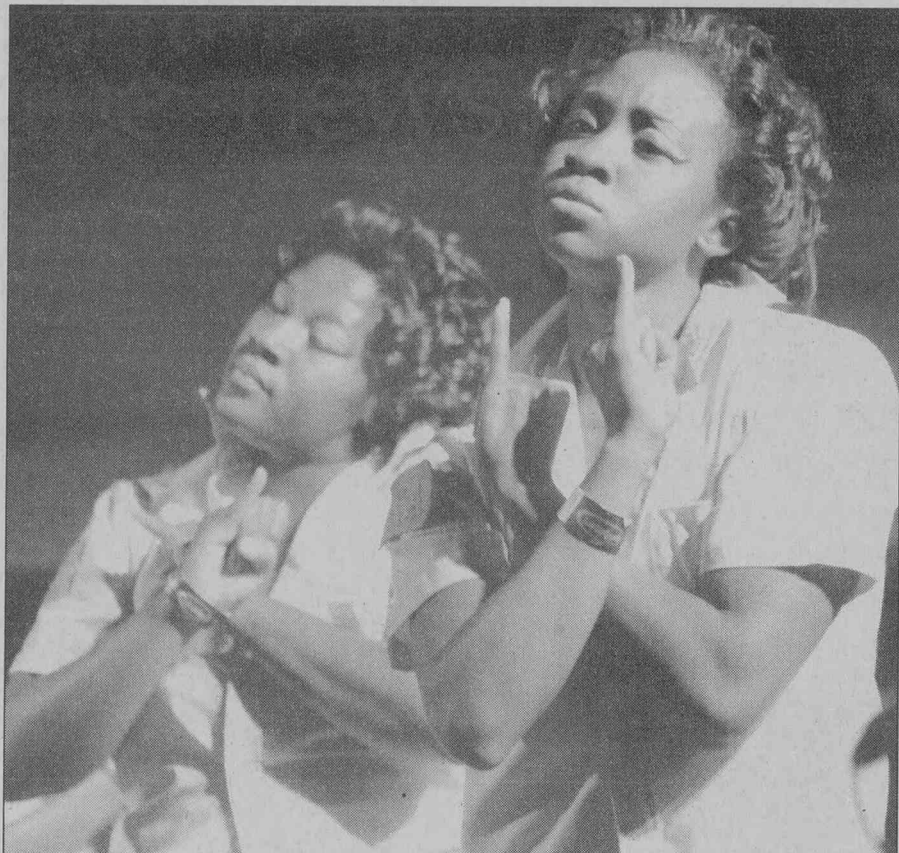
Don't get me wrong, I love all types of music including hip-hop, but lyrically our generation has lost the creative moxie the one before us had.

With the exception of Amerie, Mary J. Blige, Floetry and a few other artists, the complexities of love and relationships have been abandoned for catchy beats and mindless choruses.

Maybe I'm the only person who's noticed. But it's alright, when I need a reminder of what we're lyrically capable of, I'll play a Vivian Green album.

Love-inspired lyrics aren't lost yet, just sadly misplaced.

Aggie greeks dominate in Raleigh



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A&T's Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. won first place for their rendition of Missy Elliott's "Lose Control," and the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. won audiences over with their "Coming to America" theme.

BY LAWRENCE WIGGINS
Contributor

The Alphas and AKAs of A&T finished first place on Sept. 3, at the Aggie-Eagle Step Show in Raleigh.

This year's step show participants included N.C. Central University's Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. (Gamma Beta Chapter), Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. (Alpha Chi Chapter), Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. (Alpha Lambda Chapter), and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. (Gamma Gamma Chapter). Members of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. (Beta Epsilon Chapter), Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. (Alpha Phi Chapter), and Kappa Alpha Psi

Fraternity Inc. (Alpha Nu Chapter) represented A&T.

The Alphas of A&T used the theme from the movie "Coming to America." They presented an array of exciting phases to their routine.

The members of the fraternity were dressed in black shirts, gold pants and rat tails.

Matthew Melvin, a member of the Beta Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, said that precision was the best part of their show.

"For this year's homecoming, you can expect the same effect—times 10," Melvin said.

One highlight of their segment included a barbershop skit, in which an Alpha had a jerry curl and shook his hair while spraying

jerry curl "juice" on the barber-shop members.

Members of A&T's Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. stepped to musical hits by Missy Elliott. Their construction-worker attire went well with Elliott's "Lose Control" and "On & On."

The sorority imitated dance moves from Elliott's music videos.

Members of A&T's Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. were first runner-ups, and they used a James Bond related theme. While in black jumpsuits, they were on a mission to find a stolen diamond ball.

Central's Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. members were the first runner-ups. The women had a routine that imitated the popu-

lar mob movie "Scarface."

They used fake guns and mobster hats to add flavor to the show along with a variety of mobster-movie sound effects.

The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. from Central won the second runner-up placement. By placing one leg on top of another's leg, the Deltas managed to create a moving pyramid that walked back and forth on the stage. The creative stunt received a good response from the crowd.

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. from Central placed last. The theme of their routine was based on the "Indiana Jones" movie series.

One of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. members was dressed in an Indiana Jones cos-

tume, and the others were dressed as mummies wrapped in tissue paper. When Indiana Jones tried to perform a step routine, the mummies would attempt to attack him. The mummies' tissue unraveled and became a distraction to the audience.

Nonetheless, Central's Alphas, were able to complete a performance.

The Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. from Central placed fourth in the step-show competition. They appeared to have given a spirited performance despite a few mistakes in their routine.

While executing a jump kick, one woman's shoe flew off. Another Zeta stumbled during the routine and almost fell.

Traveling poetry venue hopes to gain popularity

BY MEGAN ROWLS
Contributor

Hip-hop, poetry and the awareness of issues concerning the world are essential to members of Free Flo, a traveling venue for people to express their thoughts, feelings and artistic skills in a comfortable setting.

Sherrita Griffin, Walter Jones, and James Gentry decided to create Free Flo.

"We expect to give people knowledge of a place where they can come to express themselves; a celebration almost of artistic expression," Griffin said.

The concept of Free Flo came about when Jones and Gentry were riding in a taxi cab and discussing hip-hop. The cab driver, Griffin, was intrigued by their conversation.

"I'm the concept, Jim is the vision and Walter is the direction," Griffin said.

Gentry said that the name of the

venue has a significant meaning.

"Free Flo is a coined phrase for freedom of expression...whether it is rapping, spoken word or poetry," Gentry said. "(It's) pretty much anything artistic."

Artists are able to have their message heard and can express themselves with music provided by Jose Delacruz also known as DJ Suggashack, Griffin said.

"We want a place to feel a vibe and to have fun," Delacruz said.

The creators of Free Flo are also artists. Griffin is a poet, Jones is a producer and Gentry is a MC.

They collectively call themselves 1VA2NC. Jones is from Newport News, Va. and Gentry and Griffin are from North Carolina.

They said through Free Flo, artists would be provided with an intimate environment and a chance to have their voices heard.

"North Carolina has a lot of artist who are doing big things," Gentry said. "We want people to know what is around them."

On Sept. 1, 1VA2NC had their first Free Flo event. They did not get the response they had hoped, since only a few people attended.

Yet, they refused to be discouraged.

"It was our first shot with a unique blend and people may not be ready for that," Griffin said. "We are going to have more involvement and promote ourselves in different ways to have more exposure."

The group, 1VA2NC, said that they want to people to help out in their communities.

"We want to encourage people to contact the local (American) Red Cross to help with Mississippi and Louisiana," Griffin said.

The three members of 1VA2NC plan to organize more Free Flo events in the future.

For more information about Free Flo and 1VA2NC email swgriffin187@yahoo.com.

Play hopes to build local AIDS awareness



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The cast from "The Low Down Bro" performed at the Paramount Theater in Burlington on Sept. 3. From left to right, Will Dalton, Paul L. Walls, Thaddeus Stanfield, Juanice Foster-Gregory and Priiscilla Hicks Shearin.

BY JESSICA DE VAULT
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Everyone has heard about it. Oprah talked about it. TV shows are talking about it. And the African-American community is definitely talking about it.

All of this public hype has been surrounding the burgeoning topic of men on the Down-Low. These are men who participate in heterosexual relationships and engage in sexual acts with other men simultaneously.

Since the frightening introduction of the Down Low, links to increased HIV/AIDS transmission have been credited to those who participate in these acts. Though AIDS and the Down-Low lifestyle link are still up for debate, it hasn't stopped Juanice Foster-Gregory from writing a play titled "The Down Low Bro."

When Foster-Gregory thought of the concept of the play, she decided to use the script to make the community aware of the AIDS epidemic.

"It doesn't matter what you look

like or what he looks like," she said. "Get an HIV test, because you never know what your significant other is doing."

Foster-Gregory's play, originally titled "Down Low Hoe," chronicles the life of a Down Low man.

"Basically, the concept is introducing a brother on the down low named Diggy," she said. "He has a fiancé and is using her for her money."

Diggy, played by Will Dalton, is trying to start his own business. His fiancé, played by the director, is a popular radio personality who is supporting Diggy's dreams financially. He wants to go into business with his best friend, Tiny, played by Paul L. Walls.

While discussing their business ventures, the two reminisced on their drunken antics in college. Tiny mentioned a sexual interaction the two had during a truth or dare game that went too far, and adds that he is "coming out of the closet." Diggy's memory later sparked an interest in that and encourages him to turn his past experience into a lifestyle.

Diggy and his lover Tiny, make

sexually blatant remarks throughout the play, but their interactions had to be realistic, Foster-Gregory said.

"We worked long and hard to make it real," she said.

Dalton said that being comfortable in the role was essential to making the play effective.

"If they come to see this and see that those guys were comfortable playing roles that they're not comfortable with privately, then we can get out to not only black people but everybody," Dalton said.

On Sept. 3, the play debuted in Burlington at the Paramount Theater in conjunction with the Burlington-Alamance International Cultural Festival. A number of people came to see the production.

Play attendee Lila Johnson said that the play was geared more towards the younger generation.

"The young people can learn from this," she said. "There's more to worry about then getting pregnant."

If people see the message the play achieved it's purpose, Gregory-Foster said.

In the news

Last Monday, Hurricane Katrina ripped through the Gulf of Mexico.

Originating in the Atlantic, Katrina slammed Florida and eventually made its way to the warm waters of the Gulf. In a matter of days the storm escalated to a Category 5 hurricane on Aug. 29. By that following Tuesday, officials realized that 80 percent of New Orleans was under water and cities such as Biloxi, Miss. were totaled. Tens of thousands of New Orleans residents were trapped in the Superdome, where they sought shelter prior to the storm's arrival.

Days past without much food or assistance, and many of the people

resorted to looting.

On Sept. 3, celebrities gathered together for a Hurricane Katrina fundraiser concert to help those in need. Some of music's biggest talents were in attendance including Diddy, Jay-Z and Kanye West.

Celebrities donated millions of dollars to the victims of Katrina. Jay-Z and Diddy gave a combined amount of \$1 million. Even Master P and his family created a charity called Team Rescue for those affected by the hurricane.

Diddy told MTV.com that celebrities and others had an obligation to help those in need.

According to MTV.com, West publicly denounced President Bush

saying: "George Bush doesn't care about black people."

West wasn't the only person angered by Bush's rescue efforts.

On CNN.com, New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin was quoted on a recent radio interview. Nagin made it clear that he was not pleased with Bush and tossed a few colorful words in the mix:

"Don't tell me 40,000 people are coming here. They're not here. It's too doggone late. Now get off your asses and do something, and let's fix the biggest goddamn crisis in the history of this country."

compiled by Jessica De Vault

What's Next!!

Football Game Etiquette



BY CANDRA WHITLEY

The Fashion Expert

Football season is finally here!! And that means that its time to start dressing appropriately for the games.

Being an ex-band member, I've had the luxury of looking out into the crowd and seeing the way that some of the people have dressed and acted at games. And it usually is uncalled for.

Ladies, you have to realize ONCE AGAIN, that you are not going to the club. Even though the atmosphere at the night games seems somewhat "clubbish," don't mistake it for that. Regardless as to how cute and comfortable you might be, heels are not football game savvy. They could very well be the most comfortable pair of heels that you have, but leave them in your closet. A nice pair of flats (loafers, slides etc.) will do just fine and they are just as cute.

Also, you must remember that as the season progresses, so does the weather. After and/or before homecoming, it tends to get a little breezy outside, especially during the night games. I don't want to see the back out-low-cut- super short ensembles going on.

The game might start off nice and hot but, you must remember it's almost fall. The weather does change. You don't want to be the one sitting in the stands, swearing that you're cute, but freezing to death because alumni, parents and students alike will laugh at you.

Ladies! If you don't know anything about football, don't pretend that you do. Ask somebody. Don't say something stupid like homerun!

Furthermore, if you are not in the band, don't pretend to be. When they are marching into the stands etc, don't try to imitate them, it's annoying to them and you probably aren't doing it right anyway. If you wanted to be in the band or a Golden Delight, you should've tried out.

Guys, the same goes for you. Unless you are super important, don't wear hard bottom shoes, slacks, dress shirts, etc. to the game. Football games are a time where everybody should be chilling and just enjoying the game and college life, not trying to worry about what girl they are going to try and holla at afterwards.

And since the majority of you play some sort of football, whether it is Madden or flag football, if a lady asks you what's going on in the game, you can be nice enough to answer them. Don't brush them off and call them stupid. Who knows, they might know more about it than you and they are just playing dumb to get your attention. It works.

In general, if the crowd does something, you do it too. Sitting down when everybody else is booing is not fun. And you look crazy because you aren't participating. Aggie football games are all about school spirit. If you have none, why go?

The Streets are Watching!

NOTE: Last week, I wrote a review on the Get Down! Town event and didn't give all the props where they were due. NXLevel Entertainment did a great job with the publicity of the event this year, because most of us were unaware that it had been going on for 5 years now! They added a few more acts that increased attendance tremendously! Thank ya'll so much!

Local salon pampers students

Humble beginning leads to success story



PHOTOS BY STANCHEKA BOONE

Stylist, Jennifer Foster moisturizes a client's scalp with oil to combat dry scalp and dandruff.

BY MARIA ROBERTSON & TIFFANY MALLORY
Contributors

Dudley Products Inc. is one of the region's most popular black sources for assistance in hair maintenance. Like many other black owned companies, Dudley Products Inc. expanded from humble beginnings.

The company began in North Carolina and has expanded nationwide. Locally, Dudley's Beauty Center and Spa has become a pampering center for college students from UNC-Greensboro, Bennett College and A&T.

Dudley's Beauty Center and Spa is located on East Market Street and has been operating for about two years. Due to plumbing issues, the business has temporarily moved to Elm Street.

Employees say they hope to move back to their permanent location in approximately two weeks.

Dudley's Beauty Center and Spa's services include rejuvenating shampoos, thermal/press texturizing (press and curl) and masks for the hair. Waxing, hand and foot care, skin care and gift cards are also available. Services are available for both men and women.

"I enjoy Dudley products because everyone can't buy it. It's a

professional line maintained for professionals. I think Dudley is a great product that deals with healthy hair. If you are looking for healthy hair, Dudley products is for you," said stylist, Jennifer Foster.

Dudley's Beauty Center and Spa promotes "A Day of Beauty." Clients are able to get everything done within one day. The promotion is for any organization or group of friends that want to enjoy a day of pampering and possibly hold meetings in a private room.

Dudley also offers numerous promotions including preferred clientele.

To become a preferred client, there must be documented history of getting services every week for a month or every two weeks for three months. Those clients will receive 20 percent off every service.

The salon is busiest on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Walk-ins are accepted.

The current promotion is the \$10 wrap special on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

"We are going to be in the A&T homecoming parade and I'm pretty sure we are going to be running some specials for one week only," stylist, Tiffany Dean said.

They have not decided exactly what they will do in the parade.

The stylists agree that everyone at A&T should come to Dudley's Beauty Center and Spa to get their hair and nails done.

"All A&T students get 10 percent off regular priced items," Foster said.

From selling products door-to-door to establishing a multi-million dollar hair care and cosmetics company, Joe and Eunice Dudley have beaten the odds and developed a powerful and successful black owned institution.

In 1957, Joe Dudley Sr. invested \$10 in a S.B. Fuller Products Sales Kit and started a long journey of door-to-door salesmanship in Brooklyn, N.Y. It was during this time he met his wife and future business partner, Eunice Mosley.

The Dudleys moved to Greensboro in 1967 and opened a Fuller Products Distributorship. Sales took off and Fuller was no longer able to supply them with the amount of products needed. They then decided to try product manufacturing, packaging and selling the products on their own.

Due to a restricted budget, they had to fill whatever used jars and containers they could find with their product.

In 1976, their sales force grew to 400 employers and the Dudleys developed a chain of beauty supply stores and beauty schools throughout the Southeast.

During that same year, the couple relocated to Chicago to assist Fuller in operating Fuller Products. Mr. Dudley was appointed president and Mrs. Dudley worked in

the administrative and manufacturing areas.

The Dudleys continued to operate Dudley Products, Inc. while in Chicago. They developed a partnership with professional cosmetologists and continue to only sell their products to licensed professionals.

JeShelle Nichols, local licensed cosmetologist, says she rarely gets her products from anywhere else.

"Using Dudley Products is a win-win situation," said Nichols. "You get quality products plus you're helping out a black-owned company."

The Dudleys eventually returned to Greensboro and developed Dudley Cosmetology University (DCU) in Kernersville in 1989, where they offer a General Cosmetology Program and Advanced Training courses for licensed professionals.

"I know a few girls that got their licenses through the Dudley programs," said Nichols. "They really seem to know their stuff."

The Dudleys have now developed programs in schools located in Zimbabwe, South Africa, Brazil and numerous Caribbean countries.

Dudley Products Inc. is now stationed in an 80,000 square foot facility in Kernersville.

'Word' of the Week

Back Against the Wall
By Torell S. Taylor

Back against the wall
Feet on the cold floor
I'm ready for war
Kerosene heaters and gas stoves
Wooden cabinets
One hinge on the door
No food in the refrigerator
No money in the drawer
What I 'm uh' feed my child
I'm ready for war
Back against the wall
Feet on the cold floor
It's cold in the hall
Keep the heat in this room
Shut the door; don't want to put my feet on the cold floor
Don't wanna send my child outside
Scared he might not come back alive

Back against the wall
Ashy knuckles
Rubber band on my wrist
Equipped for the struggle
Back against the wall
Feet on the cold floor
How long must I endure Ghetto...Livin'

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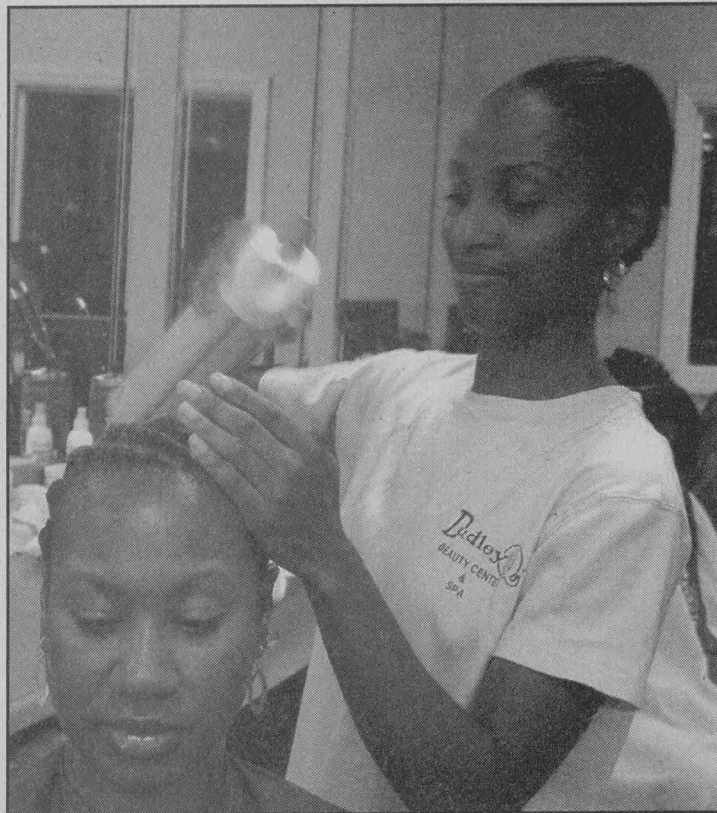
This Week in A&T History

September 7, 1973
Student Registration for Parking is \$10. Parking regulation infractions result in \$2 fine for the first offense and after the third violation, the privilege to drive on campus may be revoked.

September 10, 1976
It was announced that there will be a new \$3 million gymnasium constructed on campus beside Moore Gym.

September 1, 1978
A. W. Curtis Hall becomes a male residence hall because of the rise in male attendants at A&T.

September 6, 1984
There was a 10-hour black-out on campus due to a shortage in a fuse box in Price Hall.



Tasha Crews adds finishing touches to Dee Dee Hinton's flat twists.



Juanita Andrews uses a chi iron to add height to hair and make it silky.

Buttboosters make curves an option

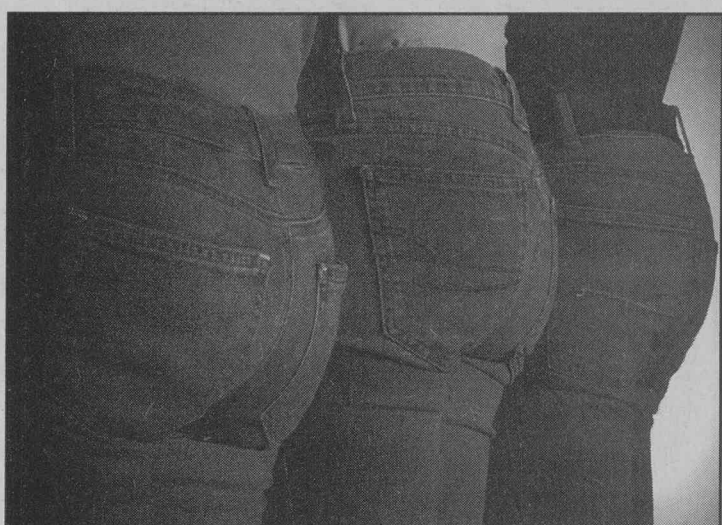


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Which behind has been enhanced? The one on the left features the Falke contour panty.

By SARAH SABALOS
KRT

Oh, my gawd, Becky, look at her butt. It is so big. She looks like one of those rap guys' girlfriends. ... It's just so round, it's like, out there, I mean - gross. Look!"

With that opener to 1992's "Baby Got Back," Sir Mix-A-Lot neatly captured the postmodern struggle between dominant Caucasian beauty standards and the multiethnic reality of Woman - and he did it by rhyming "Honda," "Fonda" and "anaconda."

Mix-A-Lot was about 15 years ahead of his time. Because now, thanks to increasing diversity, the women's fitness scene and growing appreciation of body types other than "twig like" (not to mention the J. Lo empire), round rears are in.

People's Exhibit A: The brand-new Falke contour panty on sale for \$52 at www.figleaves.com. It's high-waisted, with two firm yet squishy removable pads in back. The end result: One fills out one's jeans like never before, and much faster than the Doritos route.

Jo Jeffery of Figleaves.com said

that the Falke was doing very well for a specialty, or "niche," item.

"We're very pleased with it," she said. "All the shapewear products are doing very well for us right now."

The Falke is but one of dozens of like products on the market - called "body shapers" instead of "girdles" or "falsies" for the same reason we now say "dried plums" instead of "prunes" - it's the same thing, but sounds better. Figure helpers don't look as vicious as they did in the 1950s and '60s. Soft microfiber has mostly replaced dangly hooks, pointy cones and rigid, rubber-smelling elastic - and you get a more realistic silhouette.

It's still tricky, though. "The more you squish something in and tighten and smooth, the stuff that's being squished, tightened and smoothed is going to explode out somewhere," said Sharon Haver, founder of the online style, beauty and fashion site www.focusonstyle.com. "The fat's going to start to fly out of your upper waist, or whatever you're wearing will cut into your upper thigh and leave an outline."

Your chief weapon against fat-fly-ing, she said, is to find garments

with elastic inside their structure and no bands anywhere.

"It needs to sort of absorb into your body and become one with you," she said.

No matter how well-constructed performance underwear is, it's not for the claustrophobic or the easily embarrassed.

On the one side (claustrophobic yet effective) we have lines like Spanx, The Body Wrap and Flexees. Think control panties, stockings, knee-highs, tops and body suits that vanquish visible panty lines as well as bulges.

You can find all kinds of shapers online and in stores, but Spanx heads the pack. Liz Pennington of Coplon's in Columbia, S.C., said that the brand's nylon/Lycra Spandex "Power Panty" is a year-round best seller.

"They hold everything in and smooth everything out," she said. "Certain undergarments, like thongs, just don't cut it."

On the ridiculous yet effective side, there are products like TakeOuts - breast enhancers made of clear medical-grade silicone. Put them in front of your bra for voluptuousness, underneath for lift or on the sides for cleavage - and they come in a bright pink, Chinese food-style container. You can buy TakeOuts for \$42 at retailers (although, at press time, the store was sold out).

"Once someone gets a pair, they tell someone they know," said Bohemian's Mandy Fannin. She said the store will soon be carrying Low Beams nipple concealer adhesives, made by our friends at TakeOuts. (Because, as the advertisement says, "Headlights are for cars.")

All this shapewear equals a ton of money and discomfort, and business gets rounder and perkier by the day.

"Part of it is that you want to look the best you can, and if any of

this stuff makes you feel better, that's good," Haver said. "But you need to realize that this is the sort of thing you want to be wearing occasionally, with a slinky dress, not every day."

"The rest of the time, understand your figure and wear clothes that are easier on it."

For example: If you wear a size 8 pant, no amount of Lycra is going to make you a size 4. You'll just look like a slimmer, better-toned size 8.

Another example: Watch out for the angled seams of bias cuts, and flimsy/lightweight anything - those things put any kind of bulge on display. Instead, Haver said, wear something heavier with more structure that glides over your body.

"All these peasant skirts are great for covering up larger hips, and A-line skirts are universally flattering," she said. "Anything with a little bit of Lycra in it is your friend."

Lycra, TakeOuts and the Falke are a powerful troika of friends - and perhaps a sociopolitical enemy. In a world where women make less money and have less power than men, is it counterproductive to be squishing in and fluffing out various body parts?

Laura Davis, 32, of Columbia, is inclined to think so. While she would take a faux fanny out for a spin if given the chance, she wouldn't wear it seriously or spend money on one.

"I think that the whole idea is sort of ridiculous," she said. "The only people who really need some additional support for their rears are us fat chicks, and unless this bra is super heavy-duty, it ain't doing a thing for my (butt)."

"Personally, I find the idea of (the Falke) sad, too. I feel that women are always trying to enhance their appearances for the pleasure of men. This is just another example of that."

Just Curious...

By STANCHEKA BOONE
Features Editor



1. Didn't Hurricane Katrina come out of nowhere fast?
2. Was President Bush afraid to go to New Orleans?
3. What made catching looters more important than finding and rescuing people?
4. Were reporters being rude by asking survivors how they felt after losing everything?
5. Why are Happy Meal toys so boring?
6. Didn't they used to be better when we were younger?
7. Who got in trouble in school for sneaking to feed their Giga Pets?
8. Why do you see so many things that you want when you don't have any money, but when you get money, you can't find anything you like?
9. When you are single, why don't you meet any new people?
10. But as soon as you get in a relationship, people line up to be your friend?
11. Mase... and... G-Unit?
12. Is India Arie related to 50 Cent?
13. Why do tall people always sit in the front?
14. Why has Kanye West been on every channel for the past two weeks?
15. What is wrong with his neck in his 'Gold Diggers' video?
16. How long can you be around your favorite person before you are ready to choke them?
17. Isn't it easier to like them more when they are away?
18. What process does the financial aid office have for choosing the students they are going to screw with for the year?
19. Why do most of the staff members on campus have such bad attitudes?
20. Is someone forcing them to work here?

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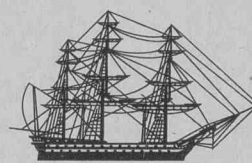


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Sobering scenes from down in New Orleans

By ERICA FRANKLIN
Editor in chief



I never thought I would ever see the day where people in America have to urinate on themselves and walk through waters containing filth and gasoline. Residents of Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi are struggling to survive the aftermath of Hurricane

Katrina. Infants are dying because of dehydration, starvation and the lack of medical care. People are lying dead in streets and in the Superdome.

According to the 2000 census, blacks made up about 67 percent of the total population in New Orleans. Due to a large percentage not having the money to get out of New Orleans, many had to stay despite warning of the disaster.

As I watched television on Sept. 1, the media showed blacks in a manner that upset me deeply. The media repeatedly focused on blacks looting. Who the hell would not loot in this situation? Why can't the people take the food out of the grocery store to survive? Why can't mothers take diapers for her baby?

These people have no electricity, running water—nothing but the clothing on their backs, and yet American citizens have the nerve to criticize them.

The real problem here is not the looting, but the government's unfair treatment of the black communities in these states. President Bush, I truly think the citizens of the United States deserve an honest explanation.

Rep. Elijah Cummings, the former chairman for the Congressional Black Caucus said at a news conference on Sept. 2, "To the president of the United States, I

simply say that God cannot be pleased with our response." Many of these Americans who now are struggling to survive are Americans of color.

As thousands of people walked through the new rivers and streams formed by Katrina, many realized that they had very little left. They do not have pictures of their lost ones or copies of degrees and awards. They have lost everything that they have worked for in their lives—their homes and cars.

Yet, these people have survived. That is the most important thing. They will be able to start again.

So, what will become of these black people without social security cards and drivers' licenses? They can't even go out and get a job right now to earn money for their families. Who will help them begin to rebuild their lives?

On a more positive note, Brett Harrington, my peer and dear friend, was born and raised in New Orleans and is still here. I had the honor of meeting Brett's family last year while in New Orleans for Mardi Gras. His mother and father lived only a few miles away from Bourbon Street.

I was happy to hear that his family made it out of the city safely. Although he lost his home, he still stands strong.

"I had not talked to my father for three days, but I was happy to hear that they were safe," Brett said. "My father said that he is happy that I am not there, but you cannot help but feel a sense of need to be with your family in a time of crisis."

Brett helps me edit pages every week, and I am thankful for his friendship and guidance. He is one of those people that I will never forget.

I thank God for saving my friend's family and the lives of many others.

To the dear Office of A&T Parking Services

By CHAD ROBERTS
Copy Desk Chief

I was overcome with your joy to finally hear from you all! The fall semester is nearly three weeks old, and I had started to wonder where all the parking officers had gone.

It has not been your way to be reclusive. My mind harkens back to the spring semester of 2005, when your illustrious officers made it part of their daily routine to leave written correspondence on my vehicle.

I know your office is always looking to collect on fees, and I would love to honor your citation for \$25. However, due to the current condition of my finances, this is not possible and will not be possible any time in the foreseeable future.

Gentlemen and ladies of the Office of Parking Services, I find it distressing and nearly unbearable that I will have to disregard your requests for payment. Believe me, on every occasion in which A&T seeks to collect a financial souvenir of my presence, my wallet is at the ready.

When I was with several of my friends during Homecoming 2003 and in violation of state open-container laws, my colleagues and I rendered compensation in a timely manner. When I was informed that I would need a student identification card, I obliged speedily. In fact, I cannot recall a time in which I have not given vigorously to boost university coffers.

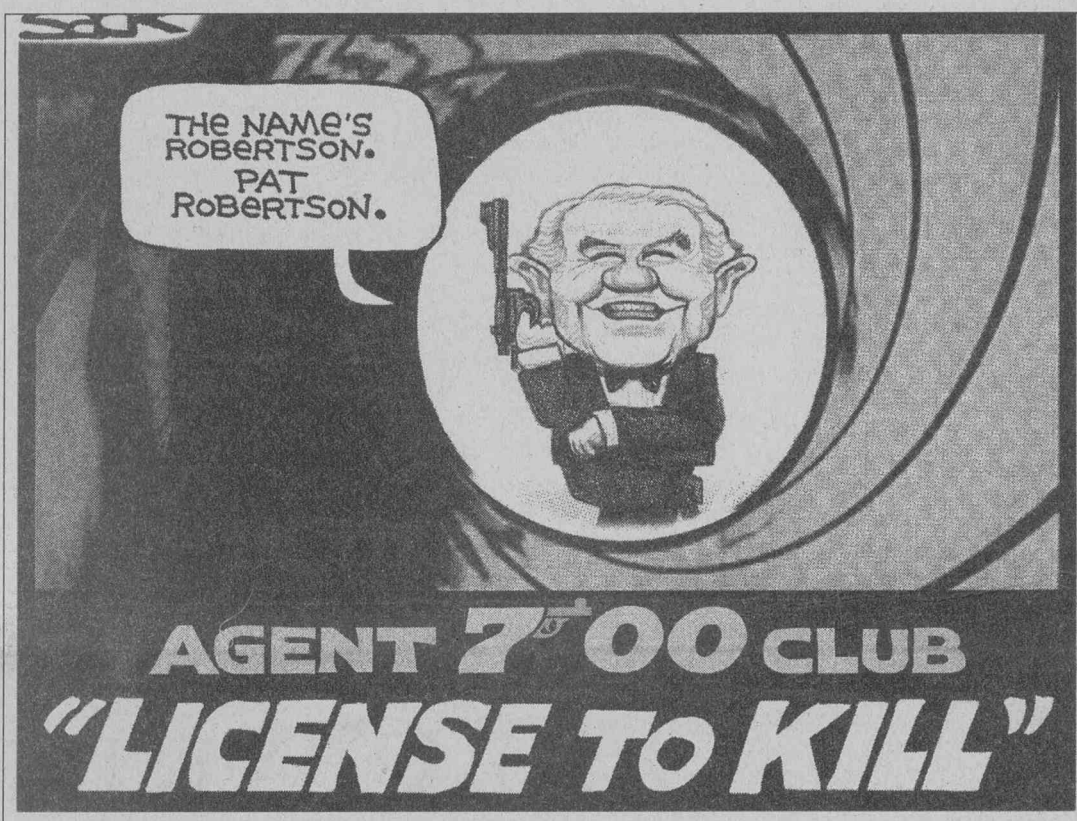
But, alas, it seems the times have changed. I am noticing a shift in financial priorities. The brakes on my car squeal like an impish child. The cupboards in my home lack sufficient sustenance to keep my belly full. My landlord, though patient and good-natured beyond belief, demands payment.

I'm certain there are other means by which the university can garner financial assistance. Why, not even a month ago, I dispensed nearly \$2,000 to a pleasant young man in Corbett Sports Center for the cost of my tuition. Surely that fellow can spare a few dollars.

Furthermore, I have given quite a pittance to the university bookstore. One simple math book – a paperback volume, at that – escalated into a nearly \$200 fiasco.

Excuse me if I sound like a contemptible wretch, but the odds of finding adequate parking on Monday, Wednesday and Friday are staggering. I fear an investment in a parking sticker could be for naught if there is not a parking space to be had. And, as I stated previously, my financial situation demands prudence.

Such an unpleasant situation – your office requesting money at a time when my finances have dwindled to the point of nonexistence. And, to make matters worse, it appears that it will be this way for quite some time. Fate is too cruel!



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor A&T,

This past week 29 of your fellow Aggies lost everything.

There are 29 students at A&T from the Gulf Coast and those students lost a lot this weekend. Many people believe it is all about the material, yes the material means a lot but the intangible means more.

It is not easy to replace memories, thoughts, plans, people, love and support.

The Aggies who lost family, friends and homes are going to, for a while, need their Aggie family to lean on.

Imagine for a minute that your plans for Thanksgiving and Christmas are not possible because there is nowhere to go and in the worst cases no one to see. Imagine not being able to go home and revisit the places of your fondest memories. Or even worse, not making new memories with friends you will never find in places you will never get to go again.

I thought I was going to go home for the holidays to visit with family and meet with friends and hang out in the places only New Orleans can offer. Instead I will go to wherever my family might be and see none of my friends.

It is a blessing that my mother and father are safe; but Thanksgiving will be empty without extended family gathered around the table and newborn family members I may never get to meet.

Show your fellow Aggies that you care because they lost a lot.

Many do not understand the city of New Orleans. The homes and business can be rebuilt but the city will never be the same.

New Orleans has a soul and it is dying. You can live there all your life and it will always have something new to offer. The food is better than a narcotic; it's always as good as the first time you had it. The music is always as good as you remember, and the parties. New Orleans is the only place I have ever been where a party can kick off before the dropped hat hits the floor.

Last week 29 of your fellow Aggies lost a lot, and the government tried to commit bureaucratic murder when they left women, children and men without a way to flee a flooding city or food and water for five days.

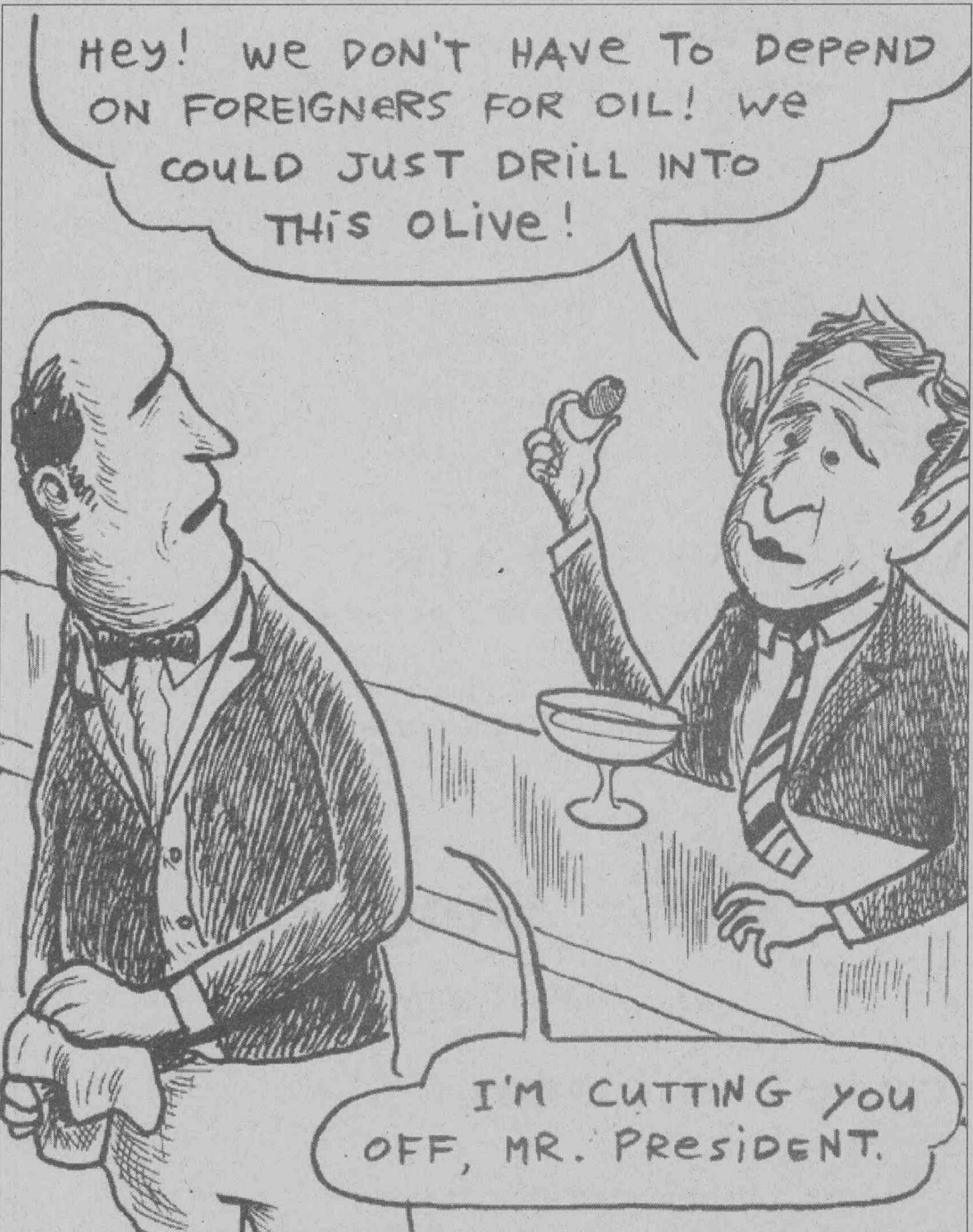
In the coming weeks the news will change to the conformation of John Roberts as Chief Justice no doubt; and the pictures of people suffering in New Orleans will blur into people suffering in Iraq, but the need for support and understanding will need to be steadfast.

It is great that so many Aggies have opened up their wallets but do not forget to open your hearts. On behalf of all the students from the affected areas - thank you.

Brett Harrington

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East Carolina sweeps Lady Aggies in three sets

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East Carolina picked up their first win of the season after sweeping the Lady Aggies 3-0 in the Corbett Sports Center (30-23, 30-20, and 36-34).

The victory was the first for ECU's new Head Coach Chris Rushing, formerly from the University of Tennessee.

The Lady Pirates' outside hitters Erica Wilson and Jaime Bevan led the way offensively, with Wilson gaining 11 kills on 24 attempts while Bevan finished with 10 kills on 17 attempts. Bevan recorded a one attack error while hitting .529 and picking up three block assists to lead the team.

Heidi Krug recorded 37 assists to lead the Lady Pirates, while Trish Monroe led the way defensively with 14 digs. Hitters Katie Jannusch and Pam Ferris also finished with 10 digs.

The Lady Aggies were led by Brendan Chatman, who turned in her first double-double of the season with 24 assists and 16 digs and 6 kills. Krystal Cooper and Arlene Mitchell completed eight kills a piece to lead the Aggies. Lauren Walker added 10 digs.

Although being defeated 3-0 in the contest, the Lady Aggies showed that they were a competitive squad after showing an exciting game three. The final game saw 17 ties and 19 lead changes. The Lady Pirates became victorious when Wilson served an ace for the match point. The Lady Aggies posted a season best with 17 kills in the final game.

Lady Aggies head coach Millicent Sylvan was pleased with the team effort in game three but also showed concern about her team's leadership.



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Krystal Cooper and Arlene Mitchell had eight kills against ECU.

"Leadership will always be a factor with this young team, but I feel that we will get a little better every game and by tournament time we will be a force to reckon with," she said.

"I felt really good about the effort the ladies showed in game three and was very pleased with their comeback after being down almost six points in the beginning of game three," she said. "We were aggressive and passionate in game three and hope to see the same intensity carry over into the next game."

Although losing on a somewhat positive note, the Aggies are now 0-2 for the season heading into the Aggie Volleyball Classic.

The Lady Aggies will travel to Buies Creek, N.C. for the Campbell University Invitational Sept. 9-10.

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Obviously a rivalry, the game was filled with emotion; costly penalties were dished out to each team for unsportsmanlike conduct. In their final possession of the half, the Eagles came up short after several completed passes by senior quarterback Adrian Warren as time ran out. Also to end the half was the ejection of Hinton for his second unsportsmanlike foul.

Both teams struggled offensively as they remained scoreless in the third quarter exchanging punts and unconverted possessions. A&T broke down defensively as junior wide receiver Daunte' Fields dodged two Aggies on a 45-yard touchdown reception from Warren. Warren connected to junior Julius McClellan for the two-point conversion to put the Eagles up 17-10 early in the fourth quarter in five plays for 82 yards.

After being stopped by the Eagles in their first possession of the fourth quarter, the Aggies' sophomore defensive back Wilbert Johnson intercepted a pass by Warren for a 19-yard return to the NCCU 9-yard line. In three plays, Sweeney scored in three plays to bring the Aggies closer to the Eagle's lead 17-16. Arroyo's extra point attempt failed.

An illegal blocking penalty for 15-yards hurt the Eagles' drive forcing them to punt, which led to a successful Aggie possession. The three-play drive began with two consecutive passes from Glenn to senior wide receiver Brandon Trusty for a total of eight yards.

A 26-yard run by Sweeney for a touchdown to end the drive in 59 seconds gave A&T their first lead of the half 22-17 and second of the game. The Aggies went for the two-point conversion and failed on a pass attempt by Glenn.

NCCU rallied in their next possession with Warren completing

"Most people say that I'm a flashy runner," RB Brandon Sweeney said. "I tried to run with a little more power to break some tackles and gain some yards."

three out of four passes. A 46-yard reception by senior wide receiver Torey Ross was the final touchdown of the game for both teams. The drive was converted in seven plays for 77 yards in 2:27 with 2:47 remaining. The two-point rush attempt failed as the Eagles lead 23-22.

In the Aggies' attempt to come back and win the game in the final minutes of the game Glenn completed three of four passes; Trusty for seven yards and Walls for 21 and 10-yards. They later went to the ground with Sweeney gaining little yardage. After back-to-back timeouts called by the Eagles, Arroyo's 43-yard field goal attempt went shy of the middle of the goal posts, while the harsh reality settled as the clock ran out and the game came to an end.

The Aggies were led by Sweeney, who ran for 150 yards and three touchdowns on 32 carries, and three receptions for 22 yards.

"I wish that we could have had the victory to go along with Sweeney's debut," Small said.

Glenn completed 12 passes in 23 attempts with no interception for 112 yards. Defensive back Theron Thomas had a game-high 11 tackles, including a hit for a loss of yardage. Johnson received the defensive MVP for A&T recording

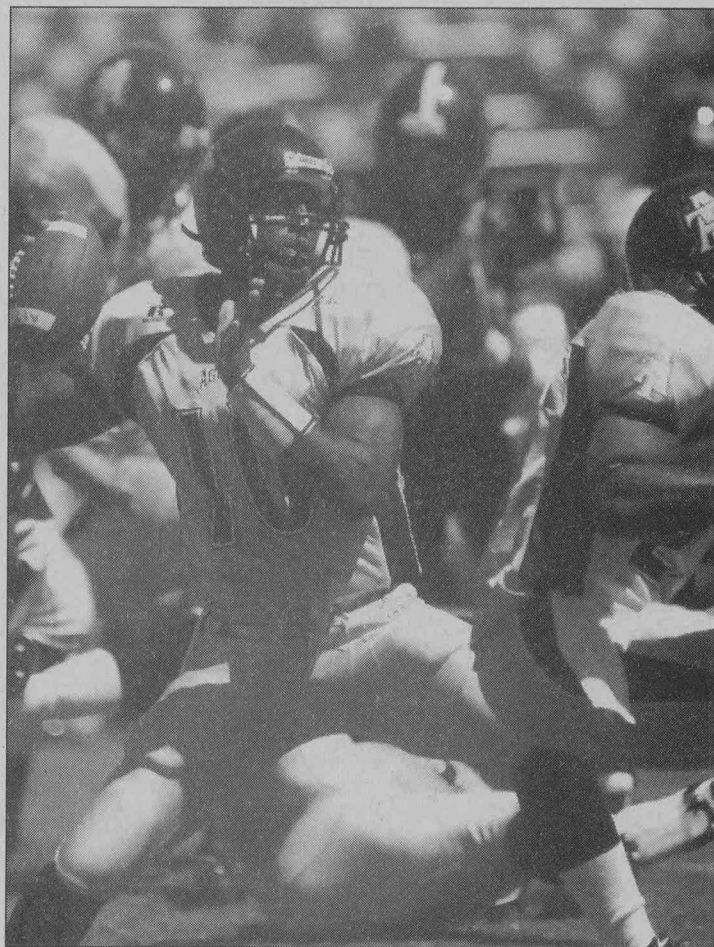


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The Aggies are preparing for their first home game against Norfolk State on Saturday.

seven tackles and five passes defended, and an interception that led to a touchdown.

For the Eagles, Ross finished with seven catches for 104 yards. Warren connected on 19-of-38 pass attempts for 269 yards and two touchdowns. Junior running back Greg Pruitt, Jr. rushed for 130 yards on 30 attempts averaging 5.7 yards per carry and claimed the offensive MVP. NCCU accumulated 400 yards of total offense compared to A&T's 278 yards.

Defensive back, Derrick Ray received the Eagles' defensive MVP honors with eight tackles and a

quarterback hurry. Sophomore linebackers Andre' Cannon and Tiquan Collins each contributed with six tackles.

Small said that the biggest let-down at this point would have to be the team's defensive play. He said that the Aggies showed a lot of hustle and desire, but mentally, there were too many mistakes.

"I knew of the caliber of players they have on their team and we expected that type of game," he said.

The Aggies face the Spartans of Norfolk State University on Sept. 10 at Aggie Stadium at 1:30 p.m.

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